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# Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 1, 2024
Mentzer

## Marriage of Ernest Mentzer

**MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD**

*THE STATE OF KANSAS,*
*Woodson County, ss.*

In the Probate Court in and for said County and State.

**MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT**

**Ernest E. Mentzer** hereby applies for a **Marriage License** addressed to any minister or magistrate authorized by law to unite in matrimony **Ernest E. Mentzer** and **Edith M. Dumond** and being duly sworn, deposes:

That said **Ernest E. Mentzer** is aged **30** years of age, and that said **Edith M. Dumond** is aged **over 18** years; that they have their parents' consent to said union, and that neither has been divorced within six months last past.

That said contracting parties are not related to each other in any of the degrees prohibited by law, namely: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild in any degree, brother and sister of the whole or the half blood, uncle or niece, aunt or nephew, nor first cousins.

That neither of said parties is or has ever been epileptic, imbecile, feeble minded or insane; or, if either is or has been so afflicted, then that the woman is more than forty-five years of age.

And that neither party was born subsequent to the insanity of either of his or her parents, or if so, that the woman about to be married is more than forty-five years of age.

**Ernest E. Mentzer**
*(Signature)*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in Yates Center, in said County and State, this **31** day of **May** A.D. **1910**.
**J.A. Thoroughman**, Probate Judge.

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**STATE OF KANSAS,**
**County of Woodson, ss.**

Office of Probate Judge of said County.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the **31st** day of **May** A.D. **1910**, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a **Marriage License**, of which the following is a true copy:

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

No. 121
Woodson County, State of Kansas, **May 31st**, A.D. **1910**.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:
You are hereby authorized to join in marriage **Ernest E. Mentzer** of **Yates Center, Kans**., aged **30** years, and **Edith M. Dumond** of **Yates Center, Kans**., aged **over 18** years, coventeing thereto and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.
*(Seal)* **J.A. Thoroughman**, Probate Judge.

And which said Marriage License was afterward, to-wit, on the _____day of _____A.D. **190_**, returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

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**STATE OF KANSAS,**
**COUNTY OF WOODSON, ss.**

I, A minister of the **Gospel**, do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the **First** day of **June** A.D. **1910** at **Bride's Home** in said County, consenting thereto, join and unite in Marriage the within named **Ernest Mentzer** and **Edith M. Dumond**,
WITNESS MY HAND and seal this day and year above written.
**E.W. Spencer**, Minister.

Attest: **J.A. Thoroughman**, Probate Judge.

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**Newspaper Announcement**

**Married**
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The groom has just completed a handsome new home on his farm in West Center where they are at home to their friends. The bride is one of Woodson county's best school teachers and is a young lady who is very popular wherever she is known. Mr. Mentzer has lived on the farm west of town all his life and has the respect and well wishes of all who know him. The *News* joins other friends in extending congratulations.

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# Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 2, 2024
Maps

## German Maps

Do you use maps in your research? One of my favorite map sites is mapofus.org because it helps me figure out changing county boundaries. For the most part, I don't need a similar tool for the boundaries of states or even the United States.

However, a participant on Mondays with Myrt recently pointed out that the same is not true when doing German research. With that in mind, a display was created for Nemaha County Historical Society's participation in Oktoberfest. This display of maps highlighted not only the boundary changes but also the changes in the names of the country.

# Holy Roman Empire

# 1789

# German Confederation 1815-1866

# Europe

# 1871

EUROPE IN 1871
Conquered by German troops during the Franco-German war of 1870–1871
Paris Commune: Socialist revolutionary government established during the war
Border of the German Empire 1871–1918
Kingdom of Prussia in the German Empire
Other states in the German Empire
KINGDOM OF NORWAY
KINGDOM OF SWEDEN
K. OF DENMARK
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
K. OF THE NETHERLANDS
K. OF BELGIUM
GERMAN EMPIRE
REPUBLIC OF FRANCE
SWITZ
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY
RUSSIAN EMPIRE
KINGDOM OF SPAIN
PORTUGAL
ITALY
OTTOMAN EMPIRE
GREECE
ALGERIA
MOROCCO
ATLANTIC OCEAN
NORTH SEA
BALTIC SEA
BLACK SEA
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

# Germany

# 1871-1918

# Europe

# 1920

Europe 1920
Plebiscite areas
created by Bennet Schulte 2010
Atlantic Ocean
Iceland
Reykjavik
NORWAY
SWEDEN
FINLAND
Oslo
Stockholm
Helsinki
St. Petersburg
Reval
ESTONIA
LATVIA
Riga
Moscow
SOVJETRUSSIA
Baltic Sea
Edinburgh
DENMARK
Copenhagen
Memel
LT.
Kovno
North Sea
Dublin
Danzig
East Prussia
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
Cardiff
London
NL.
Amsterdam
Berlin
Warsaw
GERMANY
POLAND
Upper Silesia
East Galicia
BE.
Brussels
Frankfort
Prague
CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Luxembourg
Saarbrücken
SR.
Paris
Vienna
Budapest
AT.
HU.
Romania
FRANCE
Berne
CH.
Caspian Sea
Russia
Tbilisi
Baku
GEORGIA
AZERBAIJAN
Black Sea
Bucharest
Yerevan
ARMENIA
Erzerum
Tehran
Belgrade
Sofia
Southslavia
BG.
Monaco
San Marino
Andorra
Madrid
Rome
Durazzo
ITALY
AL.
Constantinople
Angora
Neutral zone
TURKEY
Kurdistan
PERSIA
PORTUGAL
Lisbon
SPAIN
Athens
Syria
Bagdad
Mesopotamia
GREECE
Tanger
Gibraltar
Algiers
Tunis
Cyprus
Nicosia
Beirut
Koweyt
Neutral Zone
Rabat
Valletta
Jerusalem
Palestine
Mediterranean Sea
Morocco
Algeria
Tunis
Tripoli
Riyadh
Cairo
SAUDI ARABIA
Egypt
Tripoli

# Weimar Republic

# 1919-1933

# German States

# 1937

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 3, 2024
Uncategorized

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

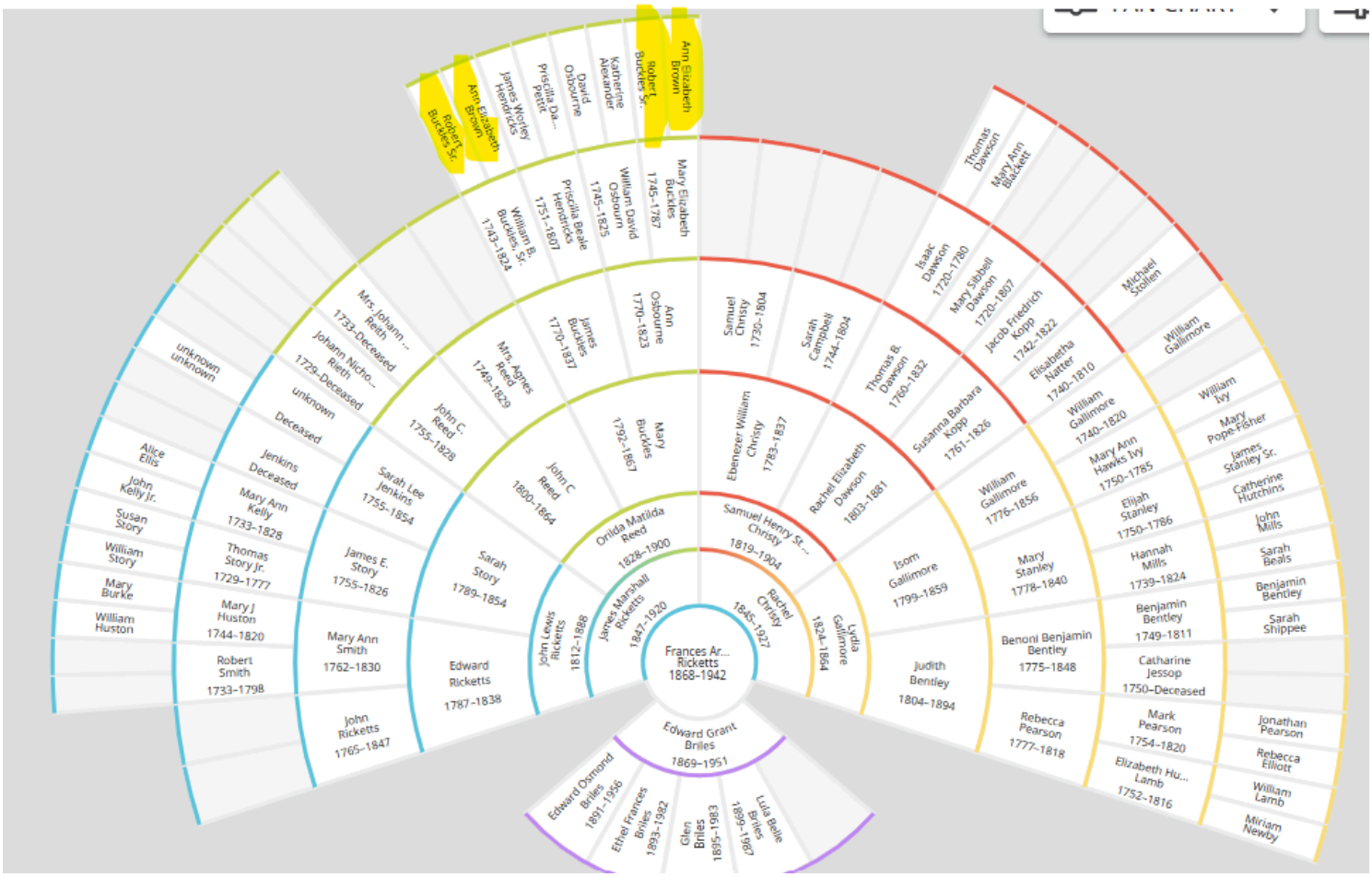
**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.**

**1) Do you have any ancestors from which you descend two (or more) times?**

My original answer to this question was no — unless some of my SMITH ancestors have a common ancestor.

Knowing that I have not researched all of my lines back into the 1600s, I decided to use the FamilySearch tree to see if I could uncover an ancestor in my tree more than once. Thus, I looked at the trees for my great grandparents. When I looked at the tree of Frances Ricketts Briles, I found a set of ancestors in the tree twice.



Thus, my 5th great grandparents, James Buckles and Anne Osbourne were 1st cousins.

Thank you Randy (and Linda) for this challenge! I doubt that I would have searched my tree for such a connection without this challenge.

# Duggins Reunions

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 4, 2024
Duggins,Preble County

Have you ever stumbled across a newspaper article about a family reunion? While today's newspapers may not carry this type of article, I am always thankful when I find one. I recently found not only one but two articles about Duggins family reunions in Preble county, Ohio.

**Duggins family members reunite**

The annual Duggins family reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Camden Community Park in Camden, with 40 present.

The festivities began with a carry-in dinner with lots of good food. The rest of the day was spent visiting with relatives, going through the picture albums, bringing the ancestral records up to date, and playing games. The children enjoyed the swings, slides, tadpoles, and other finds along the creek.

Eva Doty of Lakeland, Fla. was the oldest, and Stephie Overholts was the youngest.

Traveling the longest distance were Eva (Duggins) Doty and Alma (Duggins) Doty of Avon Park, Fla.

Attending were: Harold and Janice (Duggins) Worley; Earl and Connie Moore; Joni, Amanda, Maurice, and Doris Duggins; Tim and Becky Duggins; Holly, Julie, Angela, and Howard Overholts; Don and Sheila Overholts; Stephie; Avis Miley; and Luther and Loree Williams all of the Eaton area; David and Barb Ferriell, Teresa of New Paris; and Bill and Carol Murphy of Eldorado.

Out of town guests were: Fred and Betty Doty and Ed, of Cambridge City, Ind.; Tom and Sandy Doty of Lincoln, Ill.; Bussy and Pat (Duggins) Favorite, Atlanta, Ga.; and Dale and Brenda Overholts, Dale II, Greg, Janelle and Mandy of Hampshire, Ill.

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Family members from the Eaton area were: Bob, Jackie (Worley), Aaron, Andy, and Jonathan Marker; Avis Miley; Butch and Linda Fultz; Chris Duggins; Tina (Duggins) Nolan and friend, David Marker; Harold and Janice (Duggins) Worley, Donald, Shiela, Stephanie, Cody, Tammy Overholts and guest, Shelley Claywell; Randy and Becky (Duggins) Wysong and Jeremy, Cory, and Lana; Howard Jr. Overholtz; Jean (Duggins) Overholts and friend, Mary Hill; Maurice and Doris (Williams) Duggins.

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Alma Duggins Doty and her sister, Eva Duggins Doty are my dad's half fourth cousins. Our common ancestor is Sally Smith who married Alexander Duggins prior to her marriage to James Crawford.

# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 5, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II,WWII

## As Published in the Seneca, Kansas Newspapers

**ENROLL 'TWENTY-ONES'**

**Board to Shuffle Their Cards for Serial Numbers July 9**

**SIGN WITH UNCLE SAM**

The "Twenty-Ones," young men who have reached their majority since the first selective service registration **October 16**, were signing yesterday with Uncle Sam. The local board registered 87 men, several of these from points outside the county, whose cards will be transferred.

All the "Twenty-Ones" registered on what the service regulations call "melon" cards. The regulation said this attempt was the colored cards orange or salmon or pink. They are merely termed "melon."

The men who registered last October 16 did so on white cards. There are a few cases of in-between. Such is the man in the national guard at the time and whose enlistment expired since. Such a case was that of **Douglas P. Dunn**, Sabetha. He registered yesterday for the first time. Since he is not a "Twenty-One," he was given the official card, white. He will be numbered with the first registration group, with a serial number following the last man on the October list. His order number will fall according to the first national drawing.

It is technical but it serves to clear the record for the "Twenty-Ones," those who registered on the melon cards.

The local board is directed to meet Sub-district 8 next Wednesday to shuffle the melon cards. Numbering will start with 1, but each number will be prefixed by an "M" further to indicate the second registration.

The local board does not yet know when information on these men will be inducted into service. There may be a new national drawing. The morning papers state that all men who reached their 28th birthday are automatically placed in deferred classification.

"Twenty-Ones" registered yesterday, with their addresses, are as follows:

**Seneca address** – Lambert J. Haug, Milburn Coe, Robert Shaw, Charles E. Matthew, Thomas Levick, Orville Meeker, John J. Adam, Lawrence Winterscheidt, Norbert Burdick, Bill Sauser, George A. Steinmeier, Leo Schmelzle, Jacob Streith, Jr., Frank McGehee, Dale Goetsch, George W[isd]er.

**Sabetha** – Daniel Edelman, Gerald Keim, Cecil Stalcup, Robert LeRoy Ewing, Joe Menold, LeRoy A. Strahm, Raymond Baskett, Glenn N. Cramer, Jr., Ross L. Frey, Art Trumble, Jr., Ivan Arick, Zillman P. (Jack) Sheldon, Leonard Aeschliman, Eldon Harter, Charles Garber, Harold O. Scoby, Lawrence Howard, James Kyle, Marvin Edward Brunner, H.J. Ze[u]ller, Jared Kehler, Alvin Dickinson, Joseph [D] Rokey, Jr. Hugh Boring, Charles W. Aeschliman, Donald Close.

**Centralia** – Marion R. Morrison, Ivan M. Long, Lloyd E. Smith.

**Oneida** – Eugene Brunner, Eugene Milne, Donald Lehmkuhl, V.J. Koehler, Wilbur Heininger, Tom Gudenkauf.

**Wetmore** – Norman Levick, Elmer McDaniel, Raymond McDaniel, Raymond D. Battin, Lewis J. Barrett.

**Axtell** – Robert Shoots, Bernard Runnebaum.

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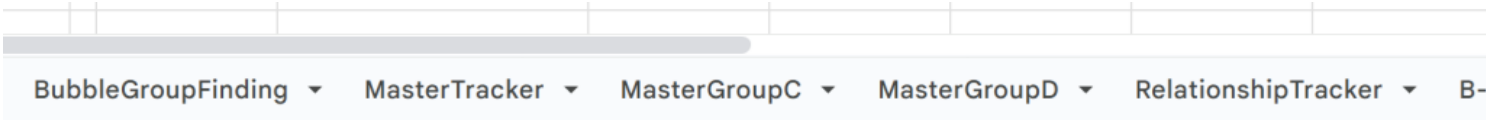
# Bubble Groups

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 6, 2024
DNA

Do you have to practice a procedure several times before the process sinks in? That's my situatioin with my Shared Matches of Matches class thru Your DNA Guide.

In this class, the concept of 'Bubble Groups' is introduced. I watched the videos for the case study and then re-watched the videos trying to do the steps with some of my own data. While my primary goal was to learn the process, I was also hoping to identify a 'mystery match'. Instead of a pile of paper, I worked with a Google Sheet.



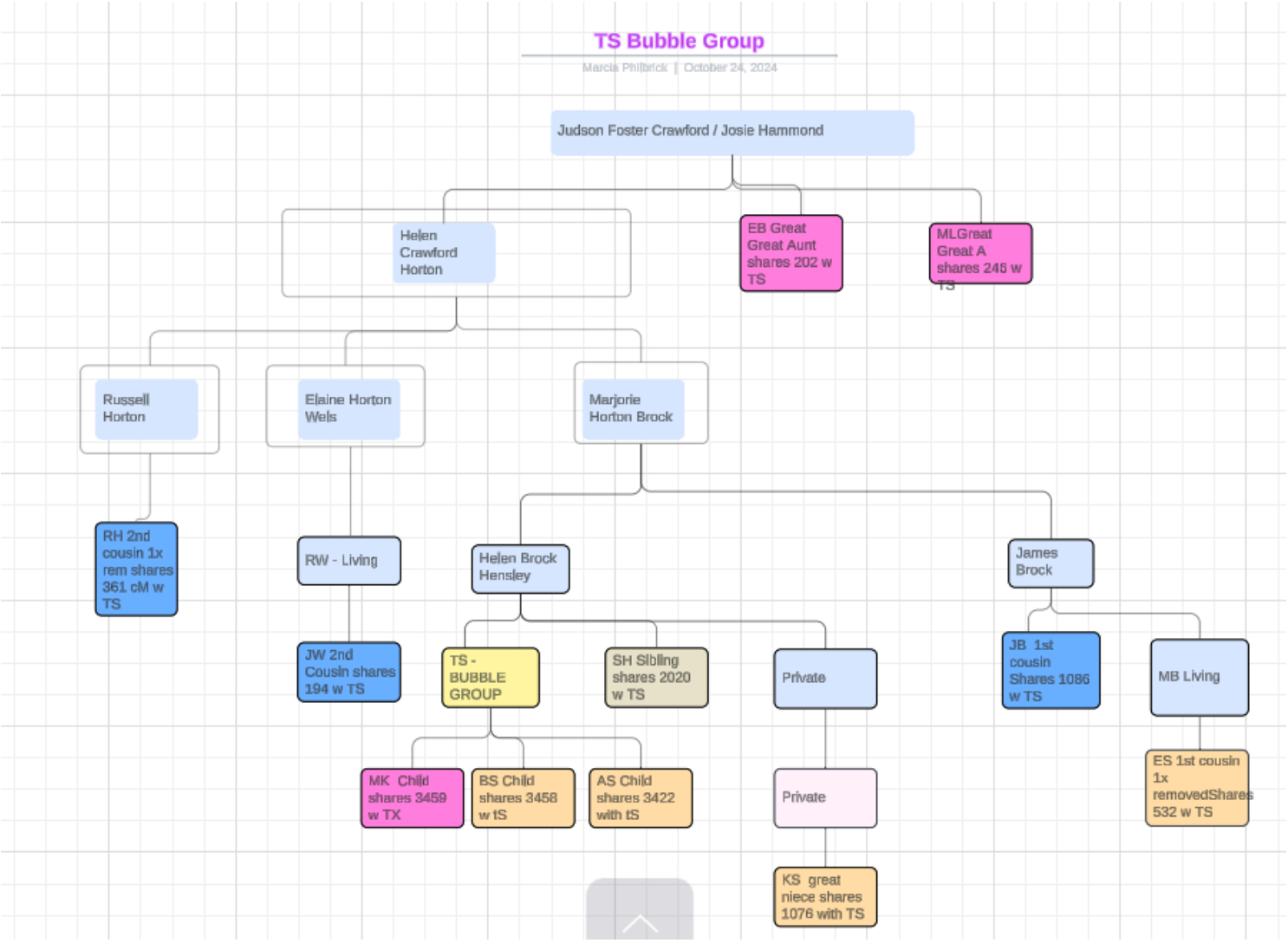

- Downloaded my Crawford-Smith group of matches
- Sorted those matches by cM shared which helped identify groups A-D and labeled their group
- Created a column for 'tree notes'
- Added a column to note the bubble group the match is in
- Added sheets to track each group and to create a 'relatinship tracker' page

Because I had one of the DNA matches in my RootsMagic file along with several members of the group, I elected to work with that group to try and identify the rest of the group.

| B | C | D | E | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| cM | N | Tree | Suggest Relationship to Tere | Group |
| 3459 | M | yes | daughter | A |
| 3458 | B | no | son | A |
| 3422 | Ai | no | daughter | A |
| 2020 | S | yes | half brother or nephew | A |
| 1086 | Jo | no | 1st cousin / half nephew | A |
| 1076 | K. | yes | grandniece or half niece | A |
| 532 | El | yes | 1st cousin 1x removed | A |
| 479 | J. | no | 1st cousin 1x removed | A |
| 361 | R | unlinked | 1s cuz 1x removed | B |
| 246 | lo | yes | 2nd cousin | B |
| 202 | E | yes | 2nd cousin | B |
| 194 | w | yes | 2nd cuz | B |

Working with the information I already had about the family and the number of cM shared, I attempted to create a genetic tree.

- My Bubble Group match (TS) is shown in yellow
- Female matches already in my tree are shaded with bright pink
- Male matches already in my tree are shaded with deep blue
- Matches not currently in my tree are shaded with tan


TS Bubble Group
Marcia Philbrick | October 24, 2024
Judson Foster Crawford / Josie Hammond
Helen Crawford Horton
EB Great Great Aunt shares 202 w TS
MLGreat Great A shares 248 w TS
Russell Horton
Elaine Horton Wels
Marjorie Horton Brock
RH 2nd cousin 1x rem shares 361 cM w TS
RW - Living
Helen Brock Hensley
James Brock
JW 2nd Cousin shares 194 w TS
TS - BUBBLE GROUP
SH Sibling shares 2020 w TS
Private
JB 1st cousin Shares 1086 w TS
MB Living
MK Child shares 3459 w TX
BS Child shares 3458 w tS
AS Child shares 3422 with tS
Private
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Match SH is shaded with light green. I have him in my tree as a full sibling to TS. Ancestry says he is a half brother or nephew to TS even though he shares 2020 cM with TS. When I checked the shared cM project, it indicates that a sibling can share 1613-3488 cM.

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|---|---|---|
| **Parent**<br>3485<br>2376 – 3720 | | |
| **Half Sibling**<br>1759<br>1160 – 2436 | **Sibling**<br>2613<br>1613 – 3488 | **SELF** |
| **Half Niece / Nephew**<br>871<br>492 – 1315 | **Niece / Nephew**<br>1740<br>1201 – 2282 | **Child**<br>3487<br>2376 – 3720 |

Until I have additional information, I'm going to leave SH as a full sibling to TS.

Now that I've 'repeated' the case study, I need to do the homework!

# Working the Research Plan

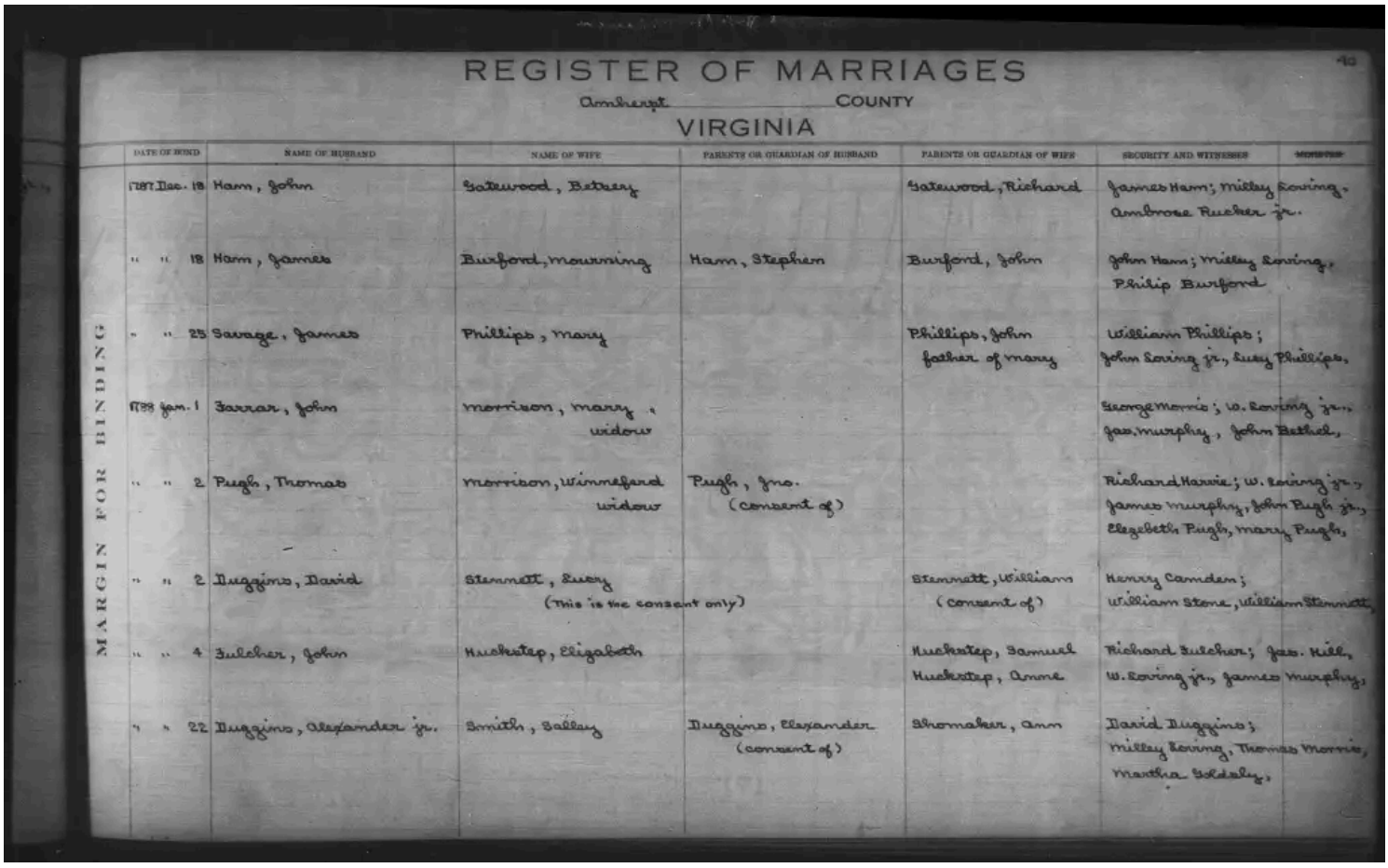
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 7, 2024
Duggins,Virginia

Do you participate in Randy Seaver's Saturday Night Genealogy Fun? Recently one of those activities asked us to use AI to get a research plan. My request to AI was to develop a research plan to identify the parents of my 4th great grandmother, Sally Smith.

Before starting to work the plan, a review of the known information is needed.

When Sally Smith married my ancestor, James Crawford, in 1799, she had two young sons: Henry Duggins born in 1787 and William Duggins born in 1794. It is Sally's first marriage to Alexander Duggins in 1788 that provides the clue to Sally's parents.

> Duggins, Alexander, Jr., bachelor, and Salley Smith, spinster, January 22, 1788. David Duggens, surety. Consent of her mother, Ann Shoemaker.
> *Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia 1763-1800. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1973) Duggins page 26*



REGISTER OF MARRIAGES

Amherst COUNTY

VIRGINIA

MARGIN FOR BINDING

| DATE OF BOND | NAME OF HUSBAND | NAME OF WIFE | PARENTS OR GUARDIAN OF HUSBAND | PARENTS OR GUARDIAN OF WIFE | SECURITY AND WITNESSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1787 Dec. 18 | Ham, John | Gatewood, Betsey | | Gatewood, Richard | James Ham; Milley Loving, Ambrose Rucker jr. |
| " " 18 | Ham, James | Burford, mourning | Ham, Stephen | Burford, John | John Ham; Milley Loving, Philip Burford |
| " " 25 | Savage, James | Phillips, Mary | | Phillips, John father of mary | William Phillips; John Loving jr., Lucy Phillips, |
| 1788 Jan. 1 | Farrar, John | morrison, mary widow | | | George Morris; W. Loving jr., Jas. Murphy, John Bethel, |
| " " 2 | Pugh, Thomas | morrison, Winnefred widow | Pugh, Jno. (consent of) | | Richard Harris; W. Loving jr., James Murphy, John Pugh jr., Elezebeth Pugh, Mary Pugh, |
| " " 2 | Duggins, David | Stennett, Lucy (This is the consent only) | | Stennett, William (consent of) | Henry Camden; William Stone, William Stennett, |
| " " 4 | Tutleher, John | Huckstep, Elizabeth | | Huckstep, Samuel Huckstep, Anne | Richard Tutleher; Jas. Hill, W. Loving jr., James Murphy, |
| " " 22 | Duggins, Alexander jr. | Smith, Salley | Duggins, Alexander (consent of) | Shomaker, Ann | David Duggins; Milley Loving, Thomas Morris, Martha Goldsly, |

Not only does the record identify Ann Shoemaker as Salley's mother but it indicates that Alexander Duggins also gave consent for Alexander Duggins, Jr. to marry. Other names are listed as those providing surety and as witnesses to the marriage: David Duggins, Milley Loving, Thomas Morris, Martha Goldsly.

Unfortunately, I don't know much about Sally Smith's first marriage to Alexander Duggins.

Family of Alexander Duggins Jr.-639 and Sarah "Sally" Smith-1441 27 October 2024

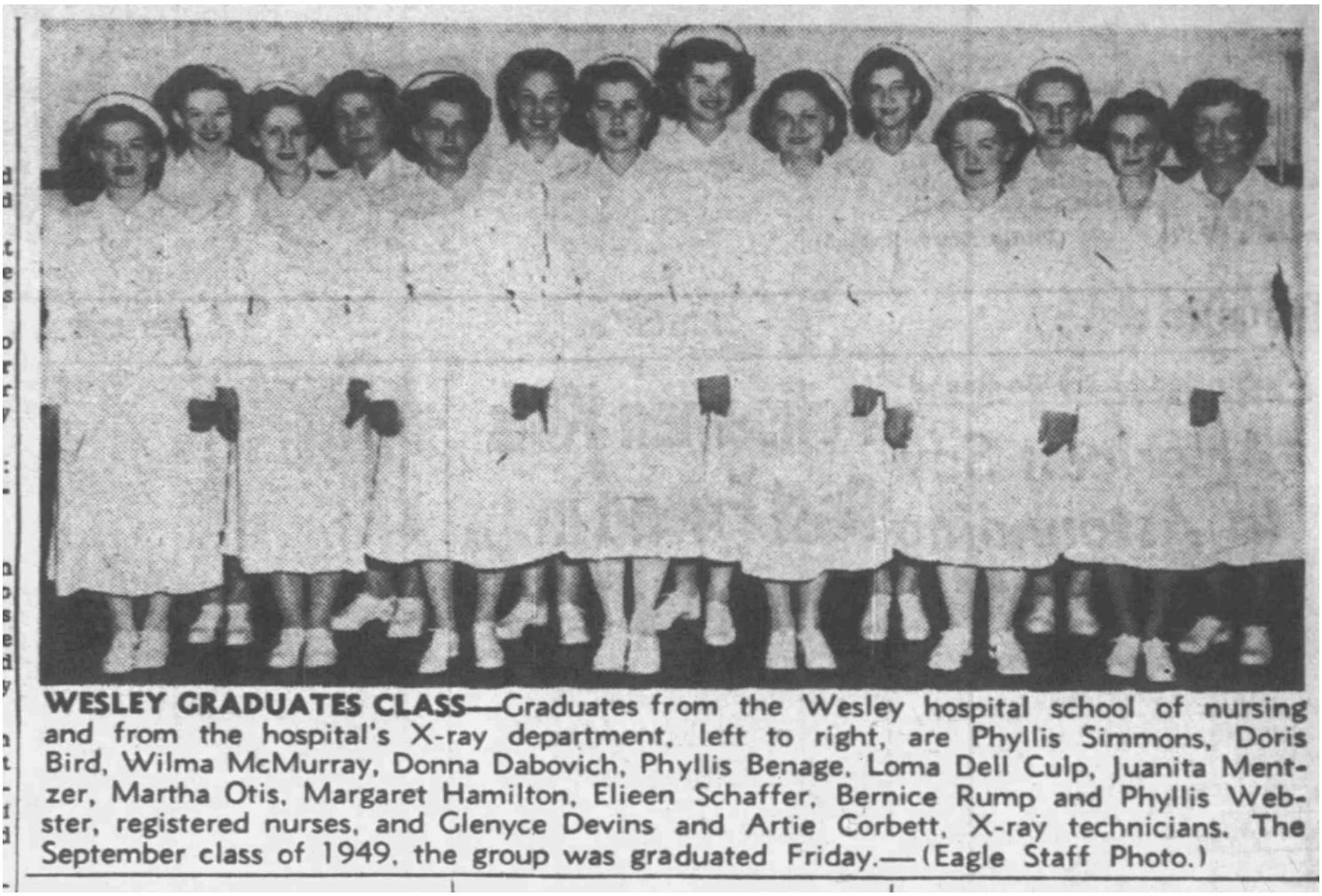
| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **FATHER Alexander Duggins Jr.-639** | | | |
| | DEATH | bef 1799 | |
| | MARRIAGE | 22 Jan 1788 | Amherst, Amherst, Virginia, United States |
| | FATHER | Alexander Duggins-10059 - | |
| | MOTHER | Mary _____-10198 - | |
| **MOTHER Sarah "Sally" Smith-1441** | | | |
| | BIRTH | 25 Feb 1770 | Virginia, United States |
| | DEATH | 2 May 1856 | Preble, Ohio, United States |
| | BURIAL | aft 2 May 1856 | Mound Hill, Preble, Ohio, United States |
| | FATHER | _____ Smith-25708 -1788 | |
| | MOTHER | Ann _____-25707 - | |
| | OTHER SPOUSE | James Crawford-219 1772-1854 | |
| | MARRIAGE | 12 Sep 1799 | Garrard, Kentucky, United States |
| **CHILDREN** | | | |
| **M** | **Henry Duggins-481** | | |
| | BIRTH | 1787 | |
| | BIRTH | 22 Dec 1788 | on river Dam, Virginia, United States |
| | DEATH | 7 Jun 1852 | Preble, Ohio, United States |
| | BURIAL | | Mound Hill Cemetery, Eaton, Preble, Ohio, United States |
| | SPOUSE | Jane Sellers-480 1782-1861 | |
| | MARRIAGE | 16 May 1811 | Ohio, United States |
| **M** | **William A. Duggins-482** | | |
| | BIRTH | 19 Nov 1794 | Amherst, Virginia, United States |
| | DEATH | 18 Feb 1872 | Preble, Ohio, United States |
| | BURIAL | | Mound Hill Cemetery, Eaton, Preble, Ohio, United States |
| | SPOUSE | Sally Neal-485 1798-1871 | |
| | MARRIAGE | 29 Apr 1819 | Preble, Ohio, United States |

Perhaps learning more about Alexander Duggins will help me figure out th SMITH connections.

# Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 8, 2024
Mentzer

Juanita Mentzer – Nursing Graduate



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# Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 9, 2024
World War II,WWII

## War News

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ON THE 21st OF JULY**

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The Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas) 7 July 1941, page 1.

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# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 10, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling All Genea-Musings Fans:

## It's Saturday Night Again –

## Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

**Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.**

1) Today's challenge is to "Write a 100-word life sketch of one of your 2X great-grandparents." [NOTE: or another of your ancestors!]

Oh, how I would have hated such an assignment in high school! First, I don't excel at narrative writing. Second, getting the word count to exactly 100 words is a challenge that even AI can't accomplish.

My first attempt was to ask ChatGPT to write the sketch using a narrative report for Thurston Kennedy Wells from RootsMagic. The resulting life sketch was 102 words.

Thurston·Kennedy·Wells·was·born·on·26·February·1821·in·Sullivan,·Madison·County,·New·York.·A·carpenter·by·trade,·he·appeared·on·the·1850·census·in·New·York.·He·married·Sarah·Hall·in·1851·and·had·two·sons,·Francis·and·William,·before·moving·westward·to·Kansas·by·1857.·After·Sarah's·passing,·he·married·Salome·Adell·Crandall·in·1861,·fathering·several·more·children.·Thurston·lived·in·Michigan,·Iowa,·and·Kansas,·engaging·in·farming·and·land·transactions.·Known·for·his·industrious·spirit,·he·eventually·settled·in·Yates·Center,·Woodson·County,·Kansas,·where·he·died·on·3·June·1893.·He·rests·in·Yates·Center·Cemetery.¶

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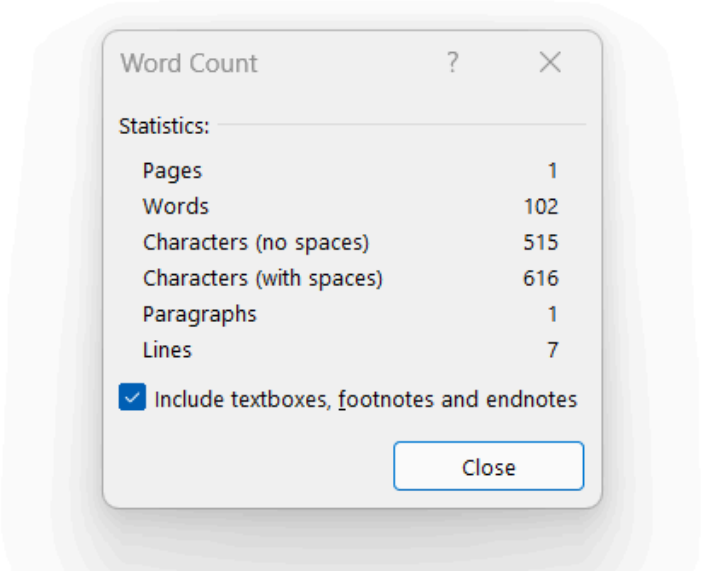


I then tried Meta AI to try and get a narrative meeting the 100 word requirement. Again AI failed at this particular aspect of the task.

Thurston·Kennedy·Wells·was·born·on·February·26,·1821,·in·Sullivan,·New·York.·He·worked·as·a·carpenter·and·married·Sarah·Hall·in·1851.·They·had·two·children,·Francis·and·William.·After·Sarah's·presumed·passing,·Thurston·married·Salome·Adell·Crandall·in·1861.·The·couple·had·five·children:·Freddie,·Mary,·Anna,·and·Nettie.·Thurston·lived·in·various·locations,·including·Kansas,·Michigan,·and·Iowa,·working·as·a·laborer·and·farmer.·He·suffered·from·a·"bad·rupture"·and·died·on·June·3,·1893,·at·72,·in·Woodson·County,·Kansas,·where·he·was·buried·at·Yates·Center·Cemetery.¶

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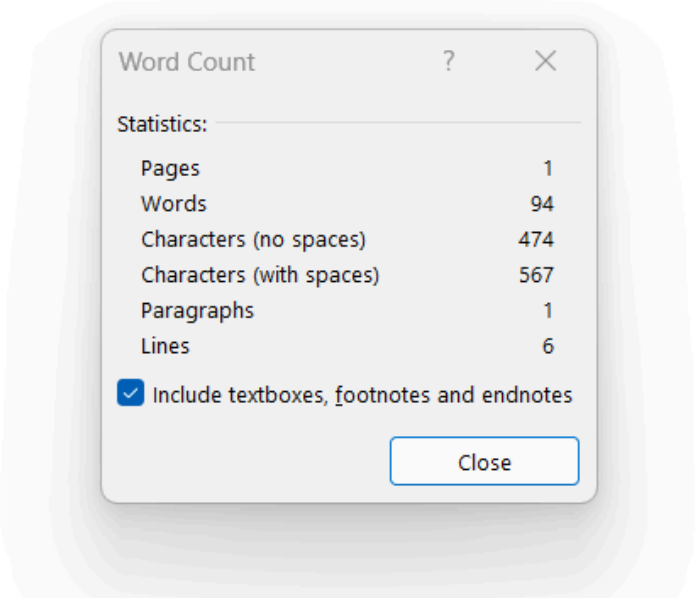


For my third attempt, I used Copilot. Again, the AI tool did not get the word count correct.

Thurston·Kennedy·Wells·was·born·on·February·26,·1821,·in·Sullivan,·Madison·County,·New·York.·By·1850,·he·was·a·30-year-old·carpenter·living·in·New·York.·He·married·Sarah·Hall·on·May·18,·1851,·and·they·had·two·children,·Francis·Owen·and·William·Hall.·The·family·moved·to·Kansas,·and·later·to·Eaton,·Michigan.·After·Sarah's·death,·Thurston·married·Salome·Adell·Crandall·on·March·20,·1861,·in·Iowa,·and·they·had·three·children·together.·He·registered·for·the·draft·in·1863·in·Michigan.·Thurston·eventually·settled·in·Kansas,·where·he·lived·until·his·death·on·June·3,·1893.¶

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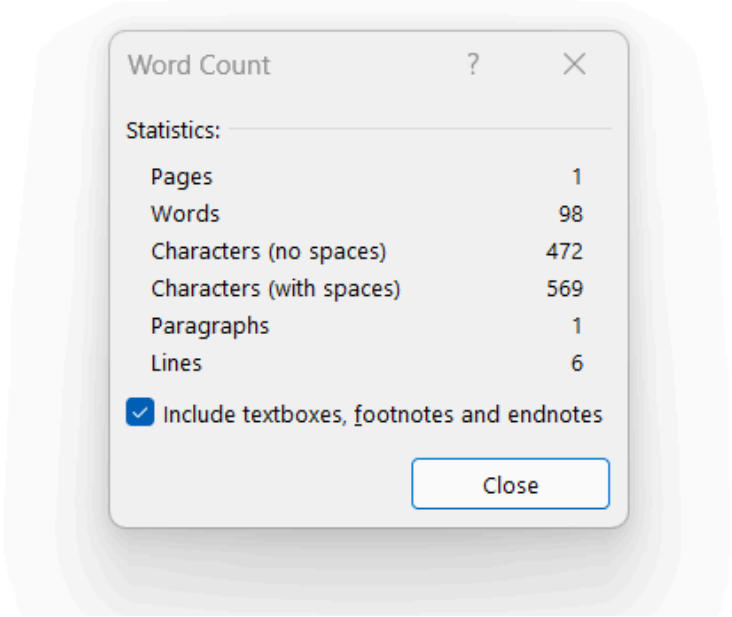
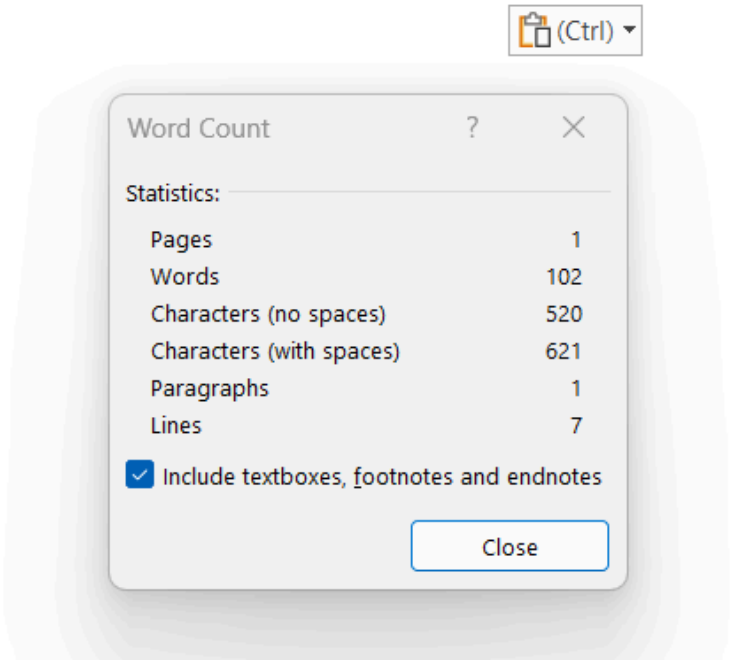



For my next trial, I switch ancestors. I provided ChatGPT with the timeline report instead of the narrative report. Again, the word count does not meet the requirements.

Mary·Foster·Crawford·was·born·on·28·August·1842·in·West·Lebanon,·Warren·County,·Indiana.·She·married·Washington·Marion·Crawford·in·1860,·and·they·lived·in·Warren·County·while·Washington·served·in·the·Civil·War,·enduring·imprisonment·in·Andersonville.·By·1884,·the·family·moved·to·Dodge·City,·Kansas,·where·Mary·became·an·active·community·member.·She·purchased·land,·operated·a·boarding·house,·and·participated·in·the·Home·Missionary·Society,·serving·as·its·president·in·1901.·Mary·lived·in·Dodge·City·for·over·40·years,·maintaining·a·vibrant·role·in·civic·and·business·activities·until·her·death·on·21·January·1929·at·86.¶




With a few minor changes to the original life sketch by ChatGPT, I was able to meet the word count requirement. I took out the words ‘and land transactions’ in the middle of the sketch and replaced the word ‘rests’ in the last sentence with ‘is buried’.

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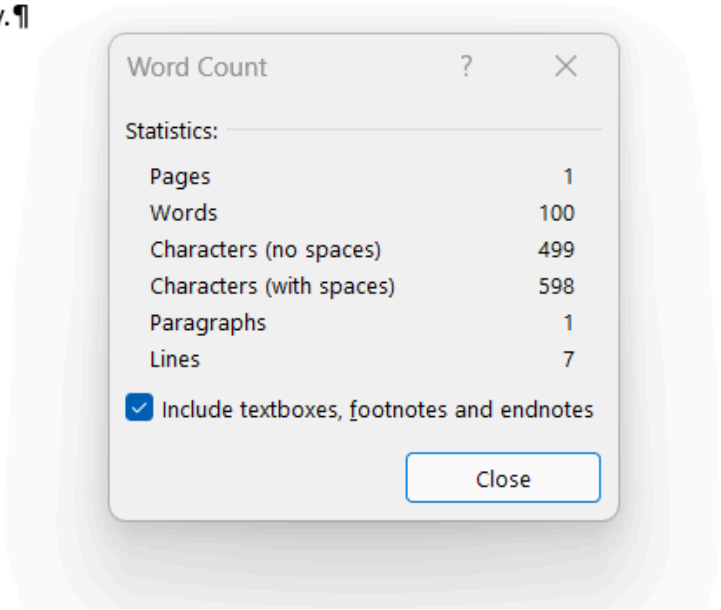



Thanks Randy and Linda for this challenge!

# Honoring Veterans

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 11, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II,WWII

## Today is Veteran's Day.

Previous posts have honored the veterans in my tree:

- 2015 – Honoring the Veterans in My Family
- 2019 – Honoring the Veterans in My Family
- 2021 – Veterans in My Genealogy Files
- 2023 – List of Blog Posts – Veterans in my Tree
- 2023 – Revolutionary Ancestors

I have also participated in the Honor Roll Projecthttps://honorrollproject.weebly.com/.

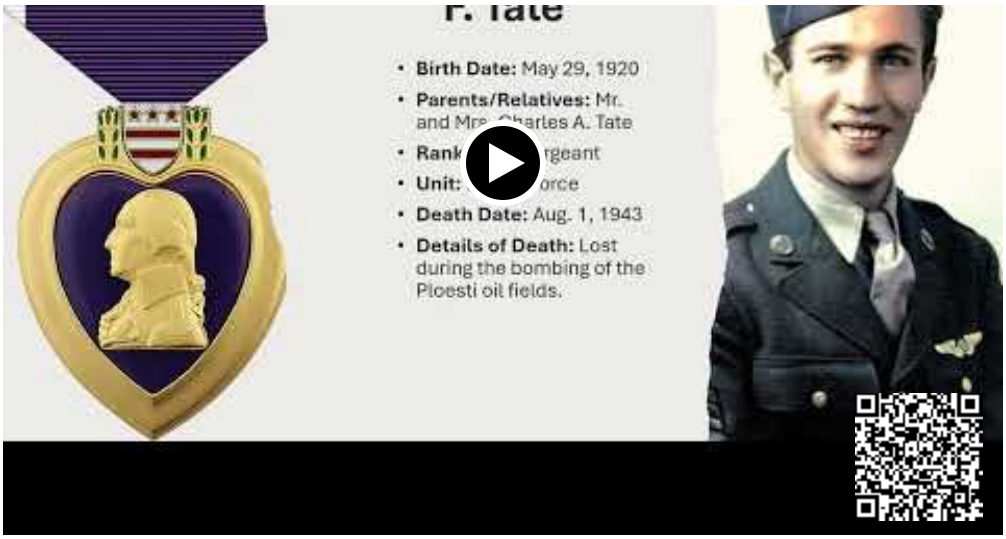
- War Memorial
- Some Gave All – Seneca's Military Wall

During the past year, I took on a project for the Nemaha County Historical Society to identify Nemaha countians who were awarded the Purple Heart. Using the local newspapers, I located articles mentioning over 300 people receiving the Purple Heart. The list of Purple Heart recipients includes links to blog posts about those who gave their lives during World War II. The following video honors their memory

**Nemaha County Service Men and Women**

**Who Gave Lives during World War II**

https://youtube.com/watch?v=RW5yuy_hcFU


• Birth Date: May 29, 1920
• Parents/Relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tate
• Rank: Sergeant
• Unit: Air Force
• Death Date: Aug. 1, 1943
• Details of Death: Lost during the bombing of the Ploesti oil fields.

# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 12, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II,WWII

As told in the Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)

**CALL NINE FOR JULY 16**

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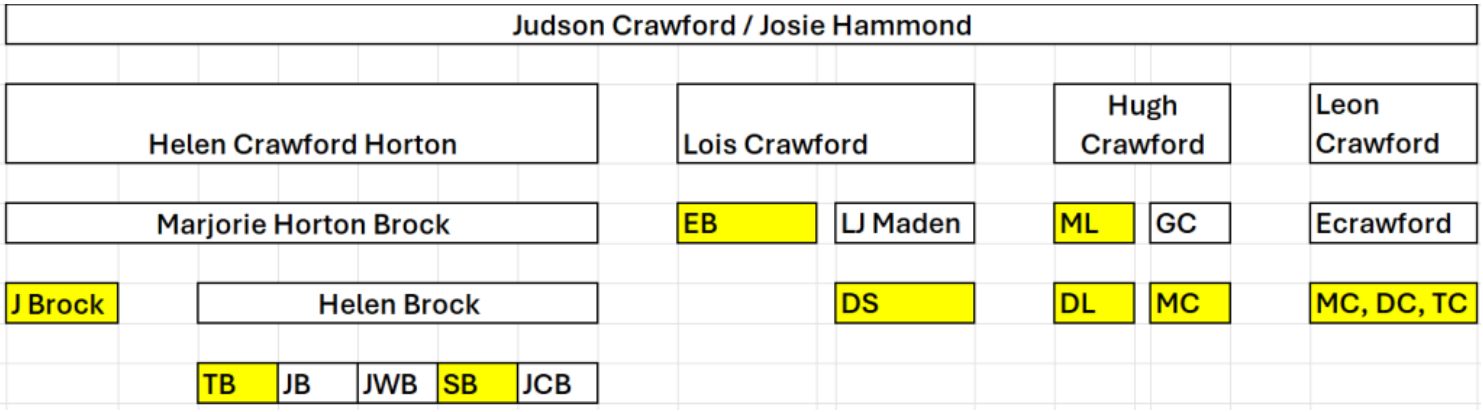
# Validating Family History

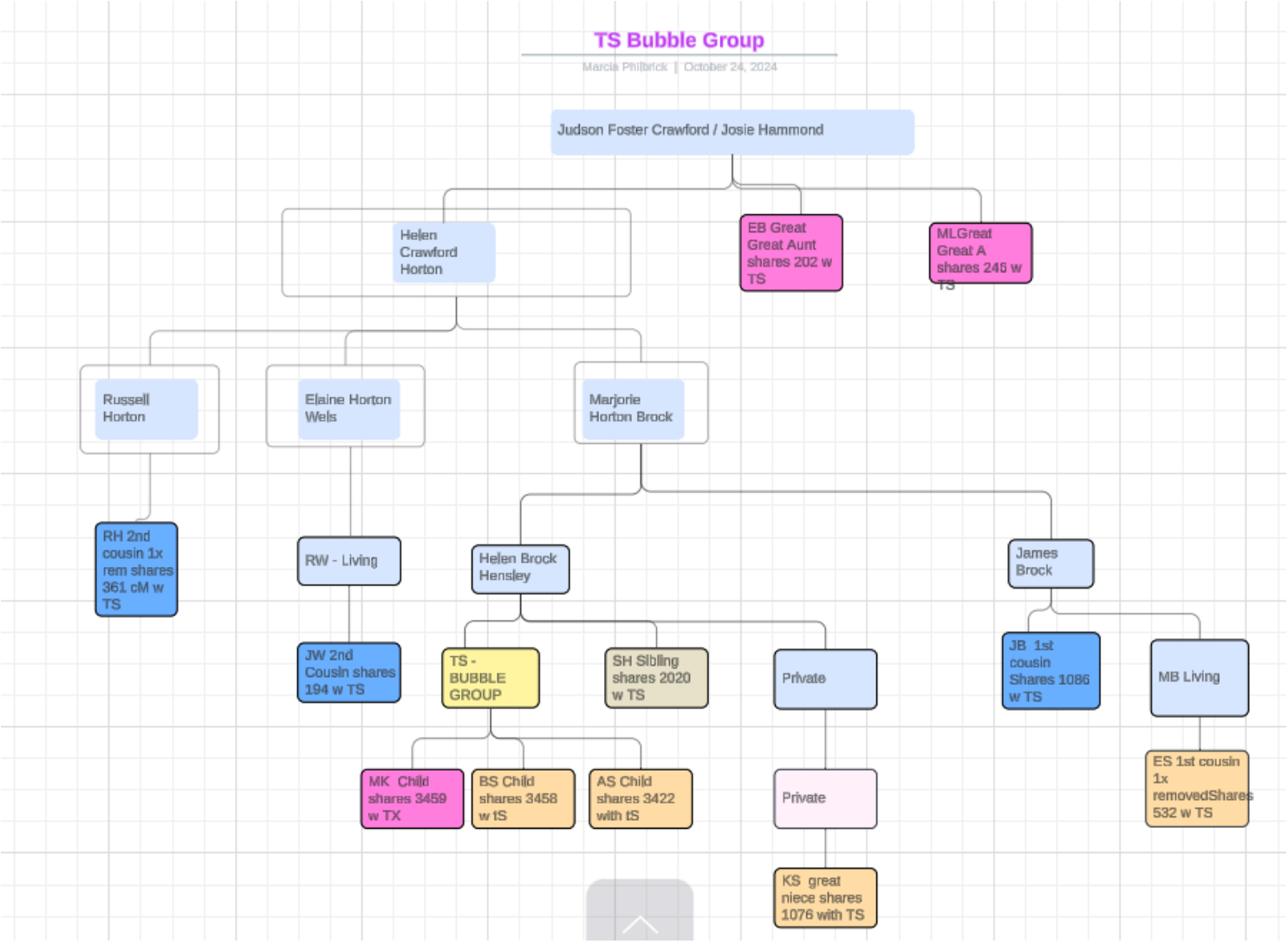
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 13, 2024
Crawford,DNA

Has someone in your family compiled a history of the descendants of one of your great-grandparents? Are you a part of it?

I was fortunate to receive such a family history from my grandmother—a list of descendants of Judson and Josie Crawford, lovingly compiled by my great-aunt, Gladys Crawford. Below is a diagram of a portion of that family tree.




Through a Your DNA Guide class on using shared DNA matches, I learned how to create a genetic network from a bubble group.


TS Bubble Group
Marcia Philbrick | October 24, 2024
Judson Foster Crawford / Josie Hammond
Helen Crawford Horton
EB Great Great Aunt shares 202 w TS
MLGreat Great A shares 246 w TS
Russell Horton
Elaine Horton Wels
Marjorie Horton Brock
RH 2nd cousin 1x rem shares 361 cM w TS
RW - Living
Helen Brock Hensley
James Brock
JW 2nd Cousin shares 194 w TS
TS - BUBBLE GROUP
SH Sibling shares 2020 w TS
Private
JB 1st cousin Shares 1086 w TS
MB Living
MK Child shares 3459 w TX
BS Child shares 3458 w tS
AS Child shares 3422 with tS
Private
ES 1st cousin 1x removedShares 532 w TS
KS great niece shares 1076 with TS

As I worked through building this network, I discovered that it aligned beautifully with the Crawford family history documented by my great-aunt. In the diagram of the family history, those highlighted in bright yellow appear on my DNA match list, and most of these individuals are also part of the bubble group.

Thanks to this genetic network, I now have DNA-based confirmation of the Crawford family history!

# Henry Duggins Biography

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 14, 2024
Duggins,Preble County

Have you explored county histories in your genealogy research? If not, Linda Stufflebean's post, *County Histories and Genealogy Research,* is a must-read. She not only highlights the value of these resources but has also compiled an index of digitized county histories, including an extensive collection for Ohio.

When I first began researching my family history, county histories were invaluable. As a result, many of my early citations reference these books, like the biography of Henry Duggins in the *1881 History of Preble County, Ohio*. Now, with many of these histories digitized, I can easily revisit them to update my citations, add images, and include transcriptions, bringing my research to life with original sources.

> Henry Duggins was born in 1787, and in 1806 he moved to Ohio. In 1811 he married Jane Sellers, born in 1781. He first settled in Gasper township, and afterwards came to Washington township, where he settled in 1811, the same year as his marriage. His brother, William A., came to Ohio in the same year that he did. Mr. Henry Duggins had six children—Cornelius V., John F., Nathan, William, W. P., and Caroline (Miller), who lives in Eaton. The first four of these are deceased. Cornelius V. was born in Preble county in 1812. In 1834 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry M. Monfort, of Eaton, born in 1814. Five children were born to them, four of whom are still living. Mr. Duggins died in 1849 on the old homestead where his wife now resides. He left a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres. During his lifetime he had a printing office in Eaton, where the *Register* office is now located. His son, John F., was in the war, in the Seventy-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, and while in Florida was taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville, where he stayed for six months. W. P. Duggins was born in 1820, and in 1844 married Mary, daughter of Alexander Lugar, born about 1826. He has nine children. His farm contains about sixty-five acres.

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# Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 15, 2024
Mentzer

## Juanita Mentzer Obituary

**OBITUARY**
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Juanita "Jo" (Mentzer) Baldwin, 85, formerly of High Meadow Place, Haddam, passed away Sunday (April 5, 2009) at Middlesex Health Care Center. She was born on May 20, 1923 in Yates Center, KS, the daughter of the late Ernest and Edith (Dumond) Mentzer. Juanita was a Registered Nurse, who worked at many area health care facilities. She was a member and participated in the choir of the First Congregational Church of Haddam.

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Campbell Funeral Home of Yates Center, KS, has care of the funeral services and burial in Yates Center, KS. A memorial service to honor and celebrate her life will be held at a later date at the First Congregational Church of Haddam. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church of Haddam, 905 Saybrook Rd., Haddam, CT 06438, Middlesex Health Care Center, Resident Fund, 100 Randolph Rd., Middletown, CT 06457 or Woodson County Foundation Fund, PO Box 160, Yates Center, KS 66783.

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# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 16, 2024
Nemaha County,World War I,WWI

## World War I

### WAR NEWS

Main street streams with the National Colors. Every place of business is showing the Stars and Stripes. Many are decorating their cars with flags. It cannot be said that people here are at a high pitch of war spirit, yet on every hand there is a disposition to see the thing through and a calm disposition to stand by the government in its hour of peril. Many a mother and father are considering and debating the sending of the boys to enlist and there are few instances where parental objections will keep the young men at home. Sentiment is sharply divided on the question of fitting out an expeditionary force. If the war continues indefinitely that will be a likely result. Some seem to think that the government has entered into a quasi-belligerency—a sort of receptive warfare. It is to be hoped that Providence may spare us sending the boys to the trenches. In the meantime it will be well for us to prepare our minds for just such a contingency.

Ed. Wellborn the west barber shop and Luzerne Harvey of Carey's restaurant are members of the National Guard and probably before this is in print will receive their call to the colors. Mr. Wellborn is a newly married man and may be entitled to privileges, though that is hardly likely.

Mrs. Amos Smith left Saturday morning for Abilene to visit with her brother, Ames before he enlists. Ames has been studying banking in New York City with a view to fitting himself for banking work in South America. He writes that all of his associates are enlisting and that he cannot think of being a slacker.

With the prospects of war many thrifty Seneca people have laid in a big supply of flour. One Third Ward housewife has ten or twelve sacks stored away. Levick's Grocery sold out early Friday and other stores were compelled to turn down orders. Flour is selling at $3.00 per sack when this is written. Many look for wheat to go up to $3.00 a bushel before the new crop comes in. Every person with whom we have talked in Seneca is in favor of government control of food prices if the upward trend continues. That is likely to be the logical result. Farmers here are feeling good over the prospects for wheat this week. Wheat here has been in bad shape for want of rain. Many fields are spotted with the prospect of half a crop or less. Not many of these fields will be plowed up if there is any prospect of getting anything like a crop.

Daniel B. Honeyman, son of Mrs. Mary Honeyman of Seneca, who has been working as a lineman for several weeks past, enlisted in St. Joseph the other day. Out of the seven boys who went down from Hiawatha three were accepted, including Dan.

Loren Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Simon of Seneca will probably enlist. Loren said Sunday while here on a visit to his folks that he had about determined to enlist. He said that he had been trying to induce some of his friends to go with him and that Herbert Jordan might go with him. Loren went down to Topeka Monday to look it over, as he put it.

Forman DeForrest came up from Kansas City last Saturday noon and visited his parents until Monday morning. Forman expects to be called back to his regiment any day, and came home while he had the chance. — Wetmore Spectator.

Captain Louis Miller of Sabetha who was with the Company K, 22nd Kansas in the Spanish-American war has offered his services in case they are needed.

Clarence Durst, son of the editor of the Sabetha Star has joined the Navy.

Harry Myers who is a member of the battery of the Third Regiment was home from Kansas City a few days. He joined January 28th and expects to see service on the border, the Philippines or Panama. The destination of the National Guard now leaving Kansas City is not published.

Robert Iles went to Hiawatha Monday afternoon to take an examination for admission to the National Guard.

Ed. Ochse and Carl Iles went to Lawrence Tuesday morning to join the National Guard. Carl is a senior in the high school and will receive his high school credits and diploma.

Old Glory now waves over the Seneca Brick and Tile Yard. All the boys that work out there went in together and bought a big 8×10 flag and will put it up Tuesday the 6th on a 20-foot pole. All the boys seem proud to have Old Glory waving over their heads while they work.

Our wars have always resulted in heavy bond issues. The President was right in his desire to raise as much of the huge sums as possible by taxation. And that society down at Topeka the other day, that favored taxing to the full, exempt incomes over $5,000 was right too. The average family will furnish the blood and brawn. Let the moneyed family furnish the capital. In other words, let capital “bleed” too.

Loren Simon went down to Topeka Monday morning to enlist in a hospital corps under a doctor who served in the Spanish-American war. Loren was disappointed for the Doctor had more recruits than he could use when Loren arrived. He will wait and may enlist in some other department. Roger Murphy has two boys in this corps.

Clayton Simon of Goff has written in for authority to recruit a Nemaha county company. It would be fine if the boys from Nemaha county who are thinking of enlisting could go as a unit.

Uncle Dick McCliman received a batch of dodgers Monday which he tacked up over town. They call for 800 men from Kansas and Missouri for the navy. A streamer in the post office lobby calls for naval gunners “to shoot U-boats on sight.” Despite the fact that the Navy offers opportunities for greater variety of experiences and adventures the recruits from this section for the greater part are joining the army.

Dr. Carter may seek enlistment in the medical staff. The Doctor placed his services at the disposal of the Government nearly two years ago. He will take the matter up with the medical staff again.

Joe Boeckman, who has been working for F. J. Holthaus, made application to Postmaster McCliman for enlistment in the navy. Jake Krotinger will very likely offer his services to the government in the line of his trade as a baker. The army and navy have great need of skilled craftsmen.

Austria has broken off diplomatic relations with America. Bulgaria and Turkey are expected to follow suit.

The Wetmore band under the leadership of R. C. Landers of this city gave an hour’s concert at their home town Loyalty day. The band of twenty pieces played “The Star Spangled Banner” as the flag was raised.

*Courier Democrat (Seneca, KS) 12 April 1917*

NEMAHA COUNTY

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 17, 2024
Burke,Crandall,Probate

**Calling All Genea-Musings Fans:**

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

**Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.**

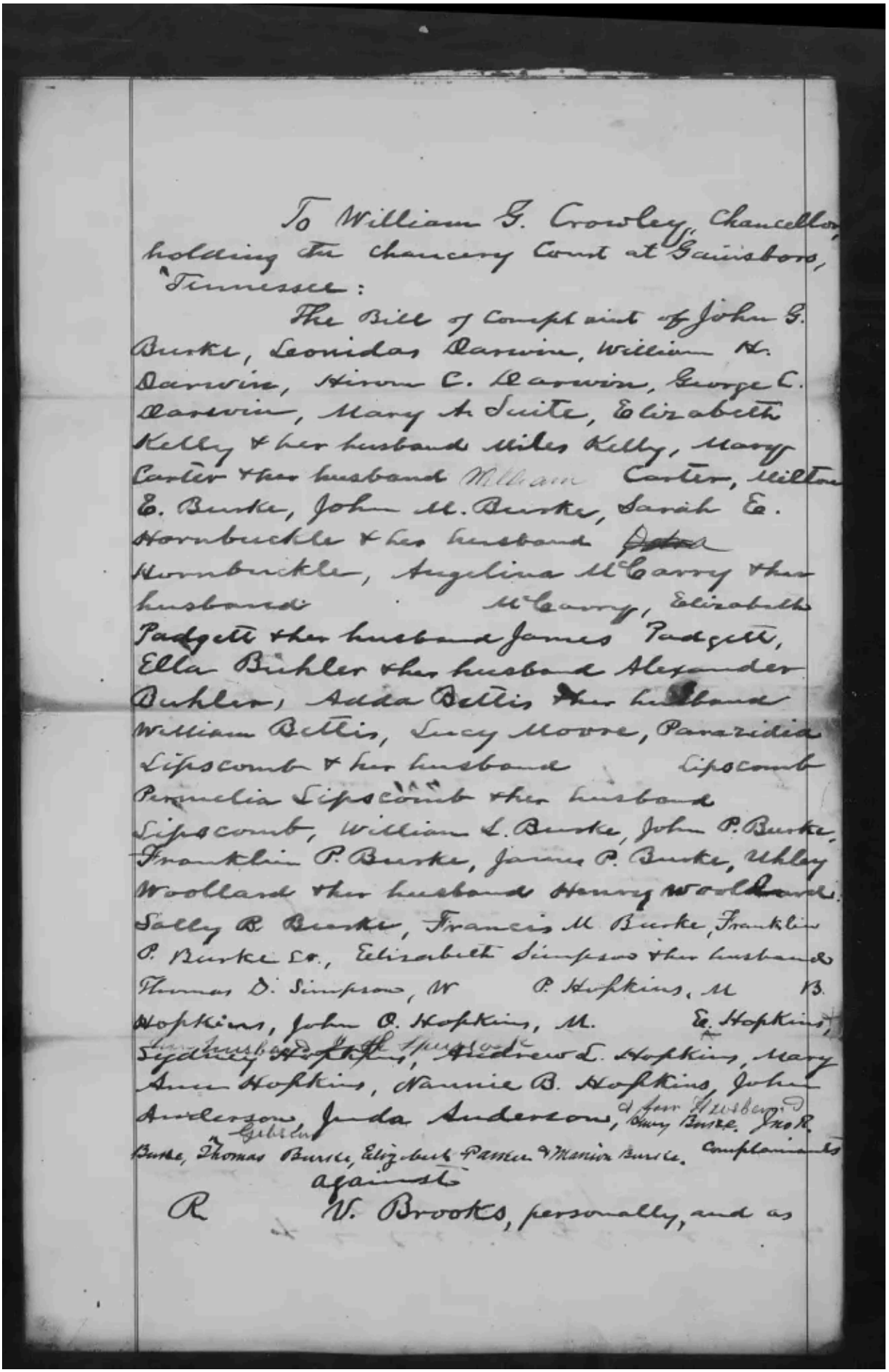
**1) Today's challenge is to "Share something you learned from a probate file or will that you wouldn't have otherwise known about."**

I agree with Randy Seavers of Genao-Musings. This is hard! Thanks, however, for the challenge!

One of the first probate case files that I found was for Lewis Crandall of Van Buren County, Iowa. These court documents helped me identify the children of Lewis and Almira Crandall. [Crandall Probate]

An 1877 land record and court filings in Platte County Missouri involving Guilford Hornbukle and his wife Sarah helped me establish a death date for Sarah's mother, Elizabeth Burke. [Death Date]

However, the 1884 court record invojving the estate of John Burke identifies the children of Henry Burke of Platte County, Missouri as the hiers of John Burke. This document identifies many of the grandchildren of John Burke. [Burke Court Record]



To William G. Crowley, Chancellor holding the Chancery Court at Gainsboro, Tennessee:

The Bill of Complaint of John G. Burke, Leonidas Darwin, William H. Darwin, Hiram C. Darwin, George C. Darwin, Mary A. Suite, Elizabeth Kelly & her husband Miles Kelly, Mary Carter & her husband William Carter, Milton E. Burke, John M. Burke, Sarah Ea. Hornbuckle & her husband ~~John~~ Hornbuckle, Angelina McCarry & her husband McCarry, Elizabeth Padgett & her husband James Padgett, Ella Buhler & her husband Alexander Buhler, Adda Bellis & her husband William Bellis, Lucy Moore, Panaridia Lipscomb & her husband Lipscomb Pemelia Lipscomb & her husband Lipscomb, William L. Burke, John P. Burke, Franklin P. Burke, James P. Burke, Ukley Woolland & her husband Henry Woolland, Sally R. Burke, Francis M. Burke, Franklin P. Burke Sr., Elizabeth Simpson & her husband Thomas D. Simpson, W P. Hopkins, M B. Hopkins, John O. Hopkins, M. E. Hopkins, Sydney Hopkins, Andrew L. Hopkins, Mary Ann Hopkins, Nannie B. Hopkins, John Anderson, Juda Anderson, Mary Burke, Jno R. Burke, Thomas Burke, Elizabeth Parker & Marion Burke, Complainants

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# In Memorium

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 18, 2024
Uncategorized

Have you ever thought about who first taught you how to use a pedigree chart or a family group sheet? While my grandmother asked the question that started my genealogy journey, it was my mother-in-law, JoAnne Philbrick, who helped me get started.

It was likely the summer of 1977 or 1978, when I traveled to my in-laws in Phillipsburg after having visited my grandmother. Knowing that my mother-in-law was actively researching her family, I asked her how to get started. JoAnne patiently showed me how to create a pedigree chart and gave me a blank chart along with a black family group sheet. She also introduced me to Everton's Genealogical Helper and suggested I purchase Val Greenwood's book, The Researcher's Guide to Genealogy.

Not only did that start my genealogy journey, but it also started my husband's genealogy journey. During a family vacation to Salt Lake City, my husband 'revolted' and insisted that he was going to research his own family instead of helping me research mine. Thus, he took over what I had on his family.

Today, my husband and I are in Phillipsburg, Kansas to celebrate the life of his mother, Tresa JoAnne Strohmeier Philbrick Miller.

As the family historian, my husband compiled an obituary for his mother. Since he had heard me talk about the ways in which I utilize ChatGPT, he asked me to help him use ChatGPT with the obituary. The prompt was simple: "Can you improve on the following obituary without glorifying the information" followed by the obituary my husband had written.

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Below is the obituary as edited by ChatGPT

**Tresa Joanne Strohmeier Philbrick Miller**
May 8, 1935 – November 12, 2024

Tresa Joanne Strohmeier, known throughout her life as “Joanne,” passed away on November 12, 2024, at the Phillips County Retirement Center in Phillipsburg, Kansas. She was born on May 8, 1935, in Farmington Township, Rooks County, Kansas, the only child of Nicholas James and Ilah Leona (Griffith) Strohmeier. Joanne’s parents later divorced, and she was raised primarily by her mother and maternal grandparents, Franklin and Ellen (Jerby) Griffith.

Joanne spent much of her childhood on her grandparents’ farm in Rooks County, where she developed a strong sense of family and community. Her early education began in country schools, where her mother taught. During World War II, Joanne moved with her mother to Stockton, Kansas, and attended Stockton Public Schools. It was also during this time that the Griffith family held annual reunions in Stockton, with Joanne often helping to care for her younger cousins as the oldest.

In the late 1940s, Joanne’s family relocated to Kensington, Kansas, where she was enrolled in the local school system. It was here she met Donald Dean Philbrick, the nephew of her Aunt Mae McLaughlin’s neighbor. Joanne and Donald were married on March 30, 1952, at the Methodist parsonage in Osborne, Kansas, while Joanne was still in high school. She graduated as valedictorian of her class in 1953.

After marriage, Joanne and Donald started their family in Kensington before moving to Phillipsburg in 1956, where they would make their home. Joanne became a widow in 1985, after Donald’s passing. She spent her later years in Phillipsburg, where she moved eight times within the city before settling at the Phillips County Retirement Center in 2021.

Joanne was deeply involved in her community and church. In Kensington, she was a member of the Women’s Society of Christian Service, and in Phillipsburg, she joined several local organizations, including the Phillips County Genealogical Society, where she served in various roles, including president. She was instrumental in the formation of the Quad County Singles Club in the late 1980s or early 1990s. Joanne’s interests in genealogy led her to connect with long-lost relatives on her father’s side, providing her with answers to many family mysteries and forming new bonds.

In 1992, Joanne married James I. “Jim” Miller, a retired government surveyor who had recently moved back to Phillips County. Together, they enjoyed traveling to places Jim had surveyed, including Washington, Oregon, and various destinations across the U.S. Joanne also enjoyed visiting thrift stores and attending auctions, always on the lookout for a treasure or collectible.

Joanne worked in various jobs throughout her life, including as a clerk at J.C. Penney and as an account clerk for Kansas-Nebraska Energy, where she retired in 1992. In her retirement, she helped Jim with his surveying business and assisted with bringing the company into the digital age.

Joanne was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was a regular and enthusiastic supporter of her children’s and later, her grandchildren’s sports activities. For over 30 years, she could be found cheering from the sidelines of football games, basketball courts, and track events. Her love for her family was unwavering, and she took great joy in watching the next generation grow.

Joanne was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Philbrick; second husband, James Miller; her mother, Ilah Suhr; stepfather, Gilbert Suhr; and her father, Nicholas Strohmeier.

She is survived by her children: Michael Philbrick and wife Marcia of Seneca, Kansas; Eugene Philbrick and wife Vickie of Wichita, Kansas; Gregg Philbrick and wife Susan of Sugar Land, Texas; and Stacey Moon and husband Darin of Phillipsburg, Kansas. She is also survived by four grandsons, Jason, Eric, Ryan, and Nathan; two granddaughters, Ashley and Anne; and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Joanne will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg, Kansas, with Pastor Darlene Sheffer officiating and Pastor Anne Williams assisting. The service will be livestreamed on the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel Facebook page. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Phillipsburg.

Joanne will lie in state at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel on Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Phillips County Retirement Center or the Phillips County Genealogical Society.

The original obituary as written by my husband:

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Joanne spent much of her early life at the farm of her grandparents, Franklin and Ellen (Jerby) Griffith. She began her schooling as a country school student as her mother was a country schoolteacher. During WWII, she moved to Stockton and attended Stockton Public Schools. Also, during the WWII timeframe, the Franklin Griffith descendants had yearly Griffith Reunions in Stockton. Joanne was usually oldest of the cousins attending so put in charge of younger cousins.

After WWII, Gilbert Walter Suhr and Joanne's mother Ilah married and Gib became her stepfather. It was during subsequent years when she was visiting her Aunt Mae McLaughlin in Glade, Kansas, that she met Mae's neighbor's nephew, Donald Dean Philbrick. Gib took a job offer that moved the family to Kensington around January 1949. Joanne was less than thrilled to be moving as an 8th grader to a new town where she knew no one. She learned on arriving in Kensington that Donald was student in the Kensington school system. Joanne graduated as a member of 8th grade class in 1949. She continued her education at Kensington High School.

During high school, this Kensington Goldbug was a cheerleader, member of the band playing the saxophone, football attendant, Kayette member and . Out of school activities included Busy Bee 4H club attending Rock Springs 4H camp near Junction City in 1950. While still in high school, she and Donald were married on 30 Mar 1952 at the Methodist parsonage in Osborne, Kansas. She continued her education becoming the 1953 class valedictorian in May.

Joanne and Donald started their family in Kensington, but about October 1956 moved to Phillipsburg for the remainder of her life. She became a widow in 1985 when Donald passed. She had lived in eight residences around town before moving to the Phillips County Retirement Center during the 2021 fall.

While living in Kensington, she was a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service and for a time being secretary. After moving to Phillipsburg, she belonged to many organizations. In the 1960s she was a member of the Kansas Federation of Womens Clubs called Mother's Club of Phillipsburg. It is believed she was a charter member of the Phillips County Genealogical Society dedicating time and energy com in the genealogy room in the Phillipsburg Library. She served in many roles within this organization including the office of president. Being single, in the late 1980s or early 1990s, she was instrumental in the formation of the Quad County Singles Club. A single, retired government surveyor moved back home to Phillips County. His name was James I "Jim" Miller. He attended a single club event and met Joanne. A relationship developed and on 27 Nov 1992, Joanne and James were married in the Williams Chapel at the Phillipsburg United Methodist Church. In this timeline, she also was a member of the Charme' Club. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and participated in the United Methodist Womens group.

Once her children reached sports participation age in the early 1960s, she was an avid attendee and supporter of her children for approximately twenty five years. About 25 years later, she began following her grandsons' sports competitions for over another 10 years.

In the 1970s, she found time to take up the hobby of genealogy for both her family and her husband Donald's family. By the 1990s she was focusing on learning about her Strohmeier as she never met her biological father. She connected with her Strohmeier relatives and eventually met some uncles, aunts and cousins. These interactions provided answers to some long time questions and new friendships.

In the Phillipsburg business world, she held odd jobs such as cleaning the Masonic Temple, and then full-time employment clerking at the JC Penney store. She made a career move to account clerking with Kansas-Nebraska Energy. She retired from KN Energy in 1992.

In retirement, she convinced Jim to start a surveying business and helped move it into the computer age. She was his helper on many projects. Jim was adventurous so he took Joanne to see places he had surveyed such as Washington and Oregon. They took vacations to attractions in Florida, New York, Texas, and of course, Branson, Missouri. She enjoyed visiting thrift stores hoping to find a treasure and attending auctions hoping to bring home a collectible.

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November 19, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II,WWII

## 1941

Legion Farewell to Draft Contingent
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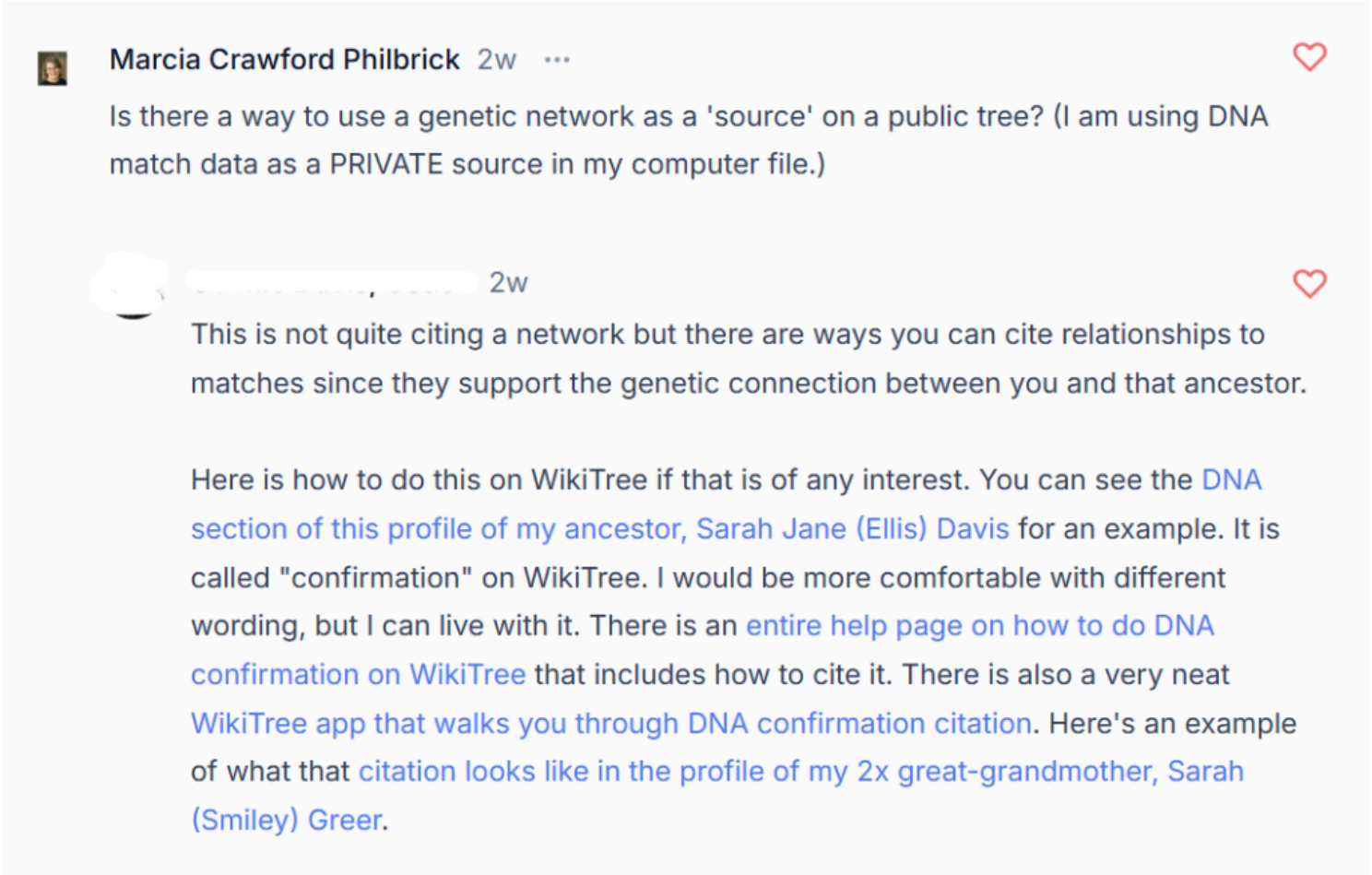
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 20, 2024
DNA,WikiTree

Have you used your DNA matches as a source to support your ancestry? While I haven't documented all of my 'common ancestor' matches, I have tried to document the genetic aspect of my tree. (See RM8 Documenting DNA) While this information is in my RootsMagic file, it is private and thus not shared on my tree.

As I was working thru YourDNA Guide's Shared Matches of Matches course, I had created a genetic network. Since that genetic network supports my tree, I wondered if there was a way to use this network as documentation on a public tree while protecting the privacy of my matches. So I asked about this in my course.


Marcia Crawford Philbrick 2w
Is there a way to use a genetic network as a 'source' on a public tree? (I am using DNA match data as a PRIVATE source in my computer file.)
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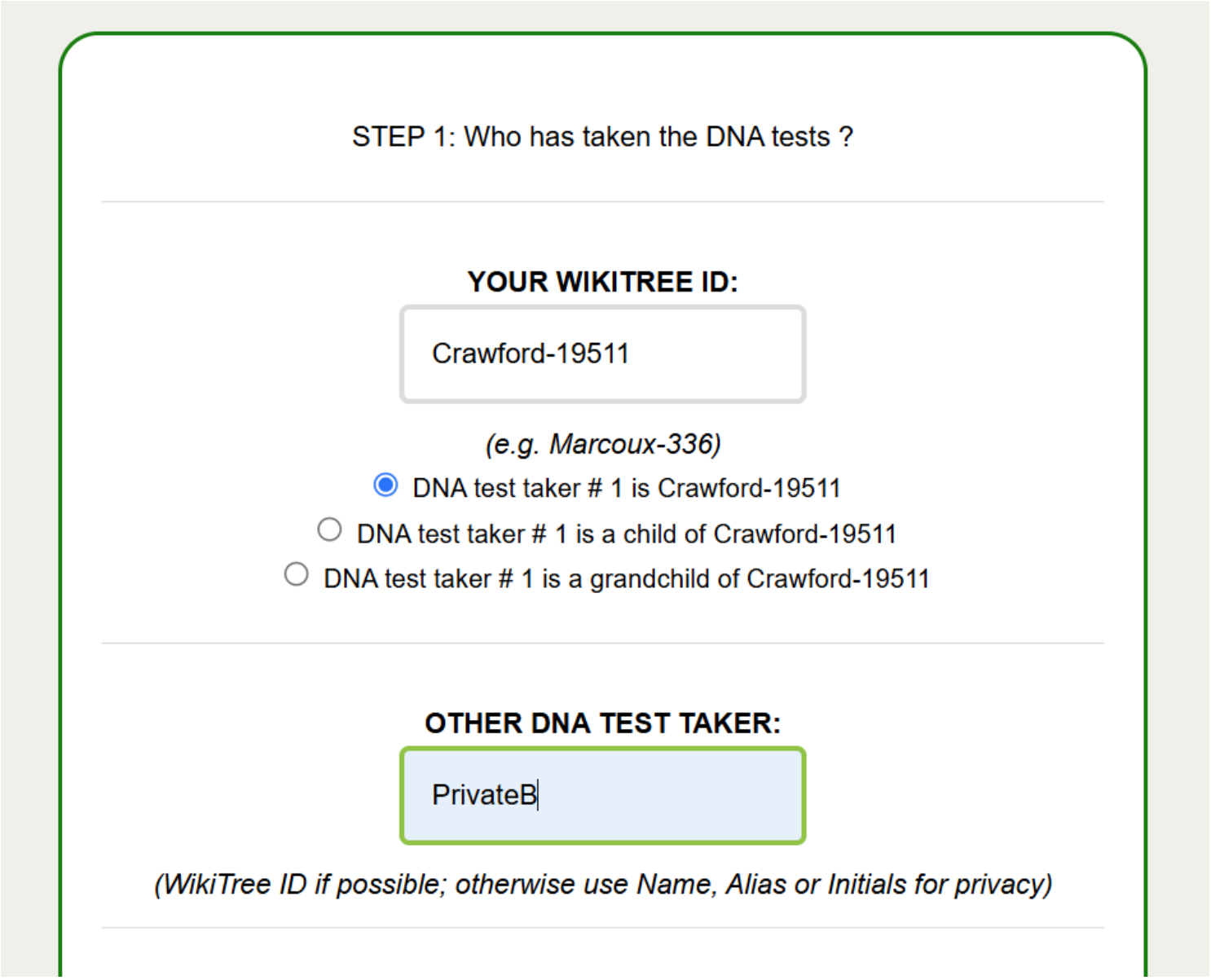
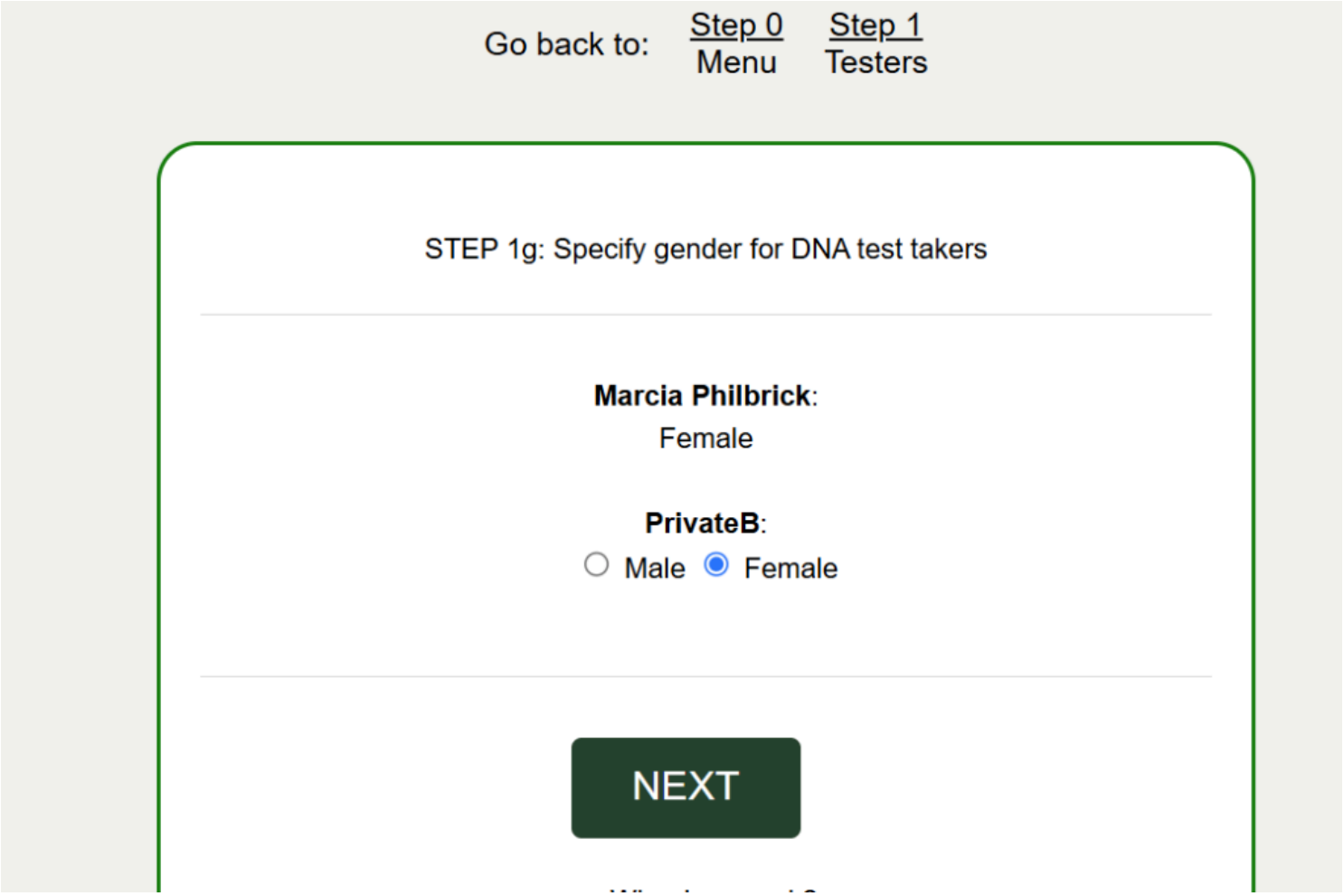
This is not quite citing a network but there are ways you can cite relationships to matches since they support the genetic connection between you and that ancestor.
Here is how to do this on WikiTree if that is of any interest. You can see the DNA section of this profile of my ancestor, Sarah Jane (Ellis) Davis for an example. It is called "confirmation" on WikiTree. I would be more comfortable with different wording, but I can live with it. There is an entire help page on how to do DNA confirmation on WikiTree that includes how to cite it. There is also a very neat WikiTree app that walks you through DNA confirmation citation. Here's an example of what that citation looks like in the profile of my 2x great-grandmother, Sarah (Smiley) Greer.

The WikiTree Help: DNA Confirmation page provides step by step directions on whether DNA can be used as a source and if so, how to cite the DNA results. Following these guidelines, I would have quite a few DNA matches that I could use to provide genetic evidence for my portion of the tree.

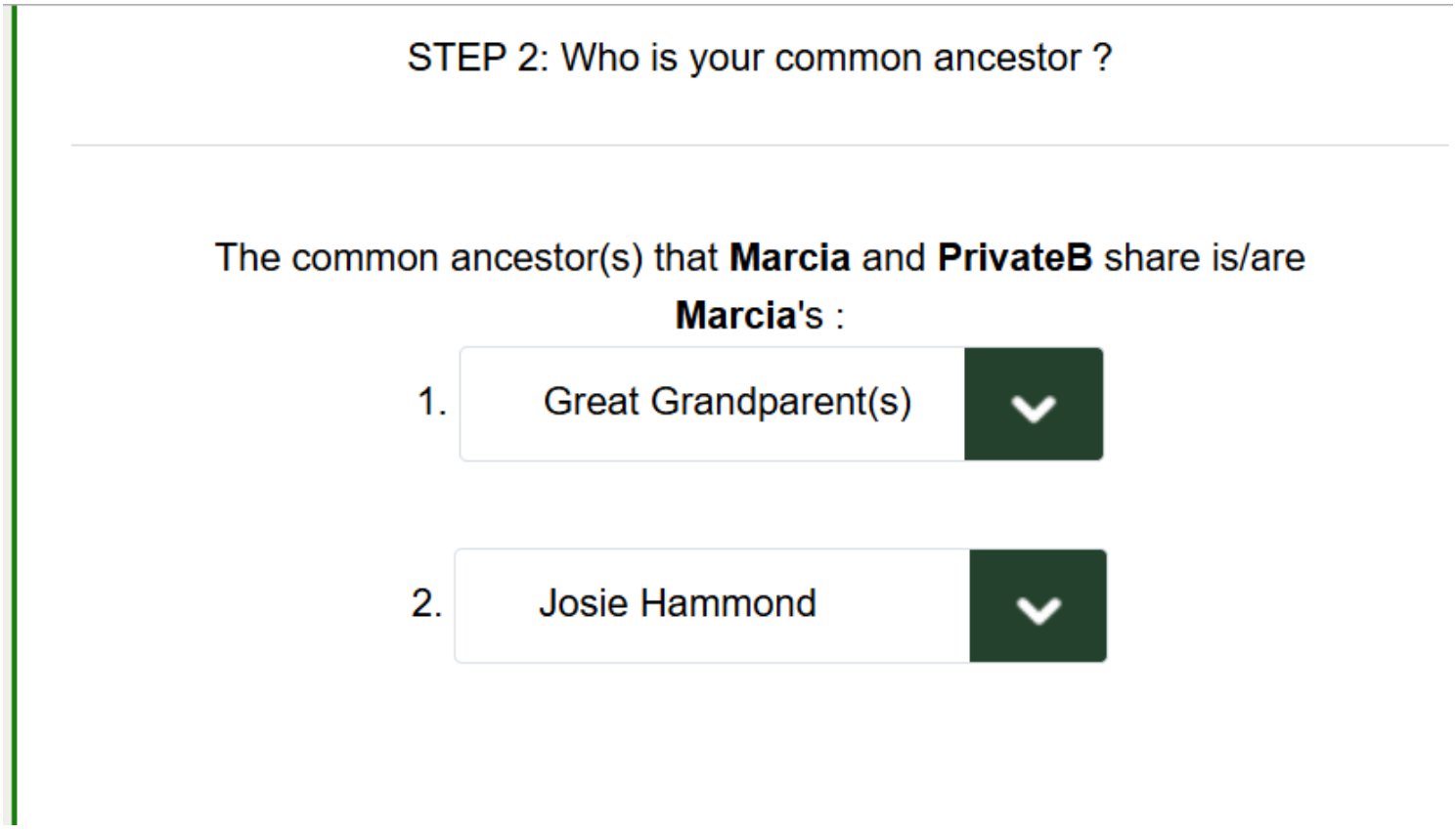
To create my first citation, I used the DNA Citation Maker App. Since my match is not on WikiTree and is living, I privatized their name as PrivateB.


STEP 1: Who has taken the DNA tests ?
YOUR WIKITREE ID:
Crawford-19511
(e.g. Marcoux-336)
DNA test taker # 1 is Crawford-19511
DNA test taker # 1 is a child of Crawford-19511
DNA test taker # 1 is a grandchild of Crawford-19511
OTHER DNA TEST TAKER:
PrivateB
(WikiTree ID if possible; otherwise use Name, Alias or Initials for privacy)

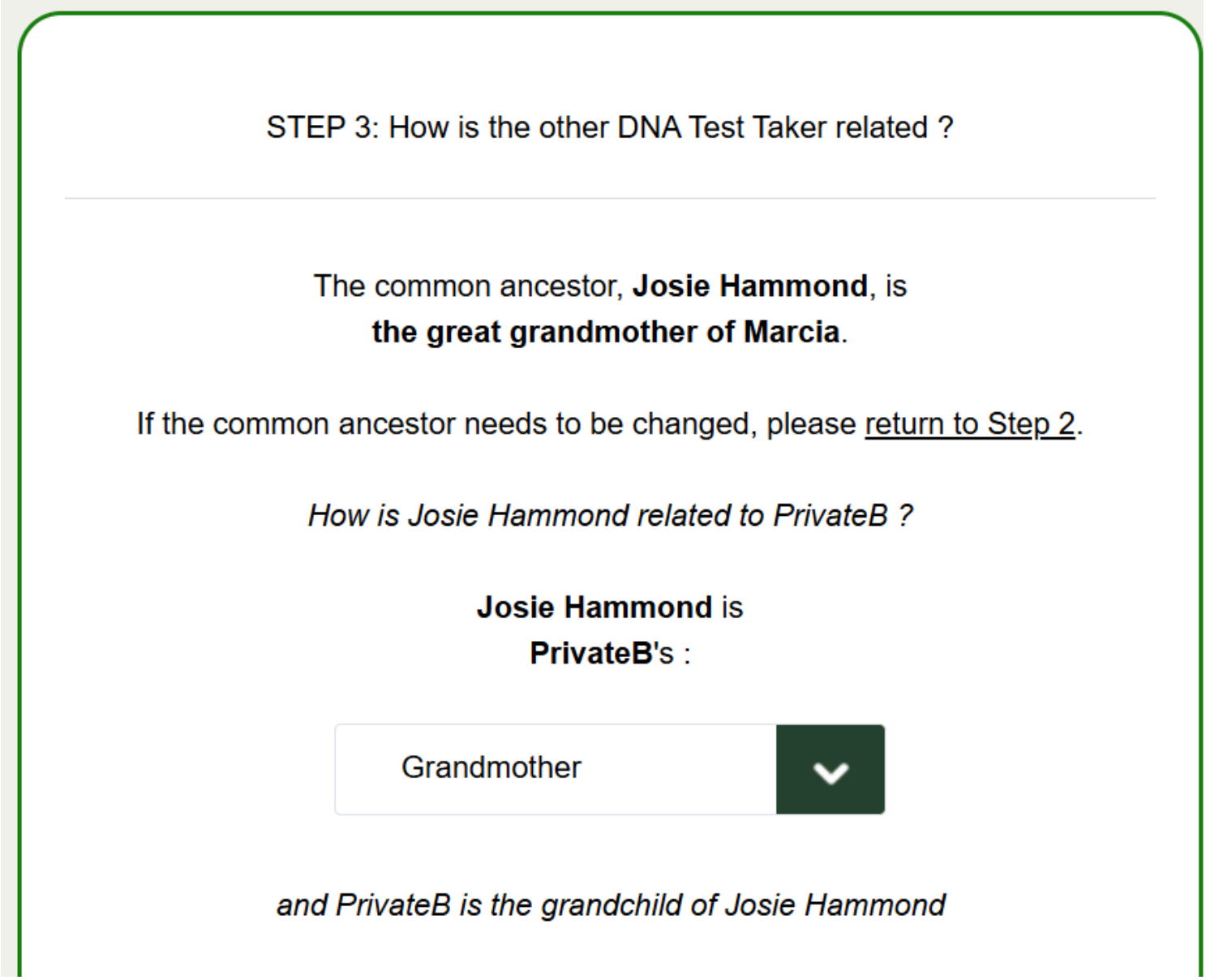
In the next step, I enter the sex of my match.



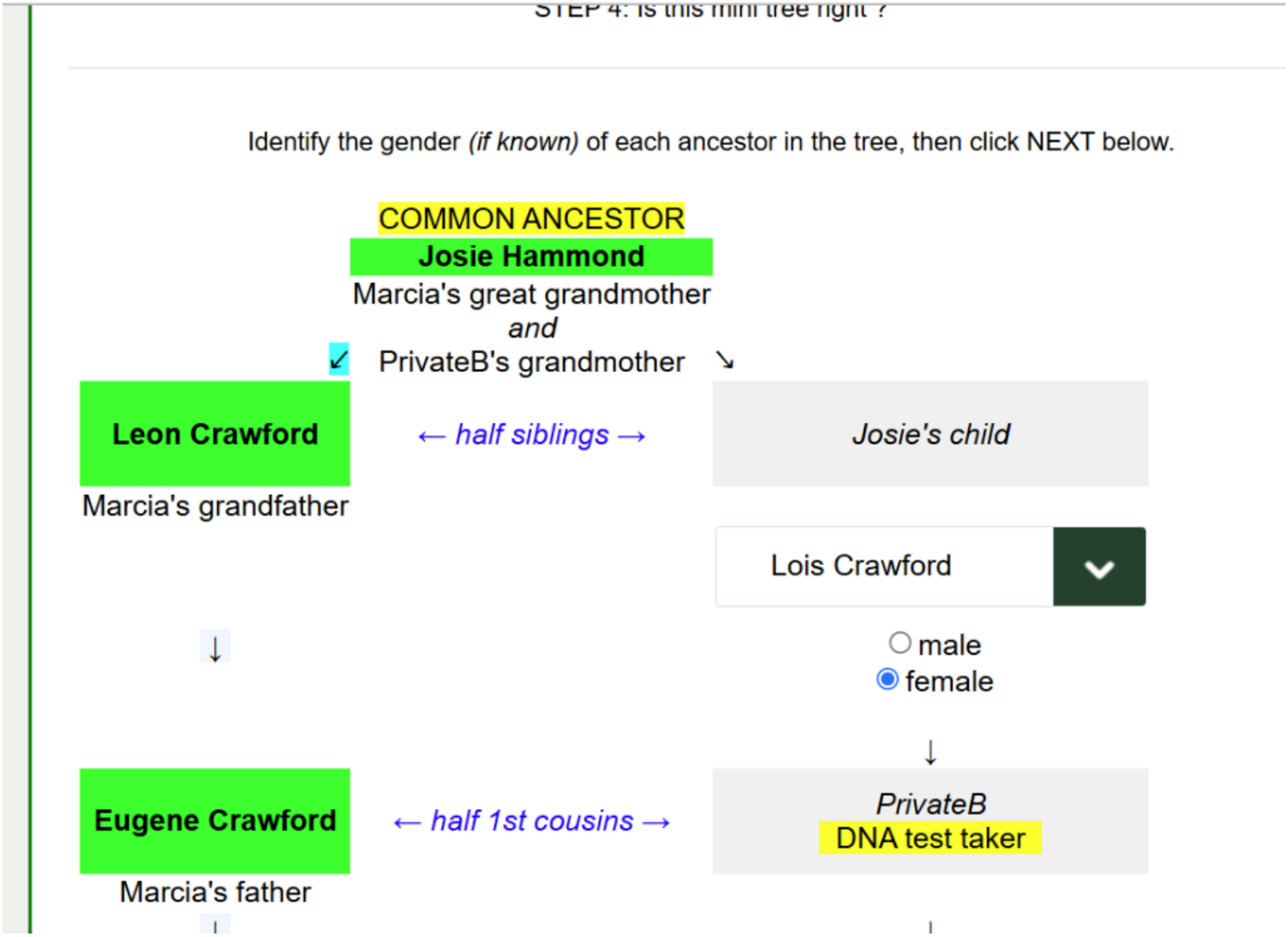

I then indicated which generation we share in common and selected our common ancestor.


STEP 2: Who is your common ancestor ?
The common ancestor(s) that Marcia and PrivateB share is/are Marcia's :
1. Great Grandparent(s)
2. Josie Hammond

I then indicated how my match (PrivateB) is related to Josie Hammond.


STEP 3: How is the other DNA Test Taker related ?
The common ancestor, Josie Hammond, is
the great grandmother of Marcia.
If the common ancestor needs to be changed, please return to Step 2.
How is Josie Hammond related to PrivateB ?
Josie Hammond is
PrivateB's :
Grandmother
and PrivateB is the grandchild of Josie Hammond

The app uses this information to build a mini tree. On that tree, I selected my match's mother and entered here sex.




To check the data, the app asks me to verify the relationship, the source of the DNA and whether the DNA predicted relationship supports the traditional genealogy.

STEP 5: Are you sure about this ?

**Have you confirmed your relationship to your match through traditional genealogy or family history?**

○ YES ○ NO

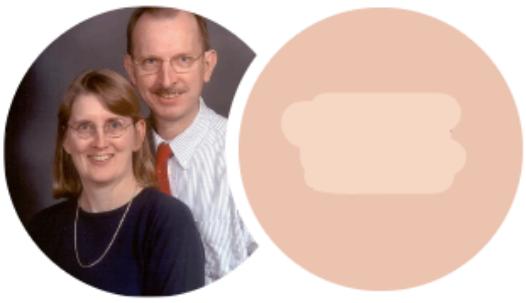
**Has this DNA Match been provided by a DNA testing company or a third-party test comparison site such as GEDmatch ?**

○ YES ○ NO

**Does the DNA-predicted relationship correspond with the known relationship from traditional genealogy ?**

○ YES ○ NO

The next step asks for the testing company and the DNA results. Thus, I refer back to Ancestry to obtain those results and then enter the information into the

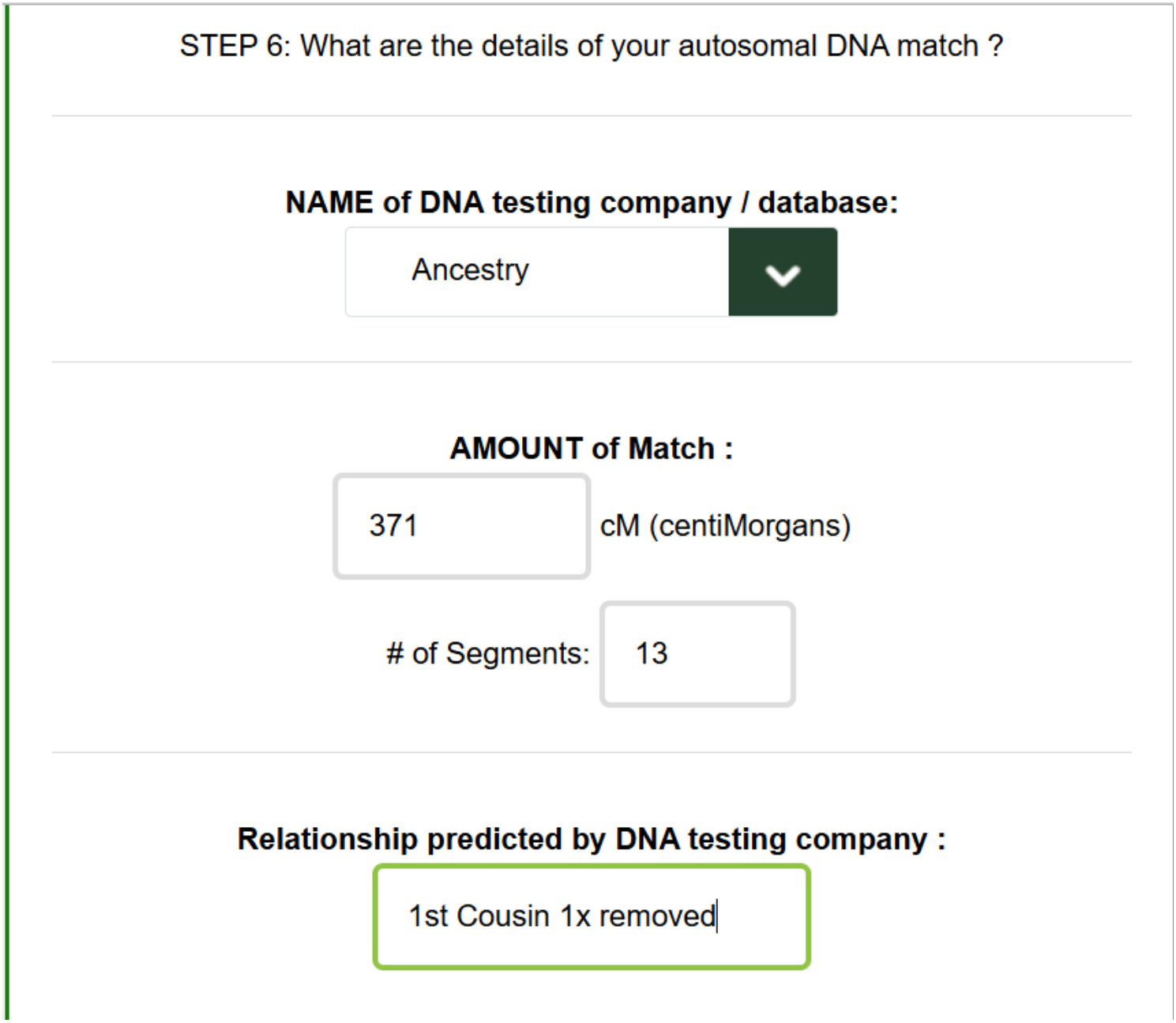


You and

1st cousin 1x removed | Paternal side

5% shared DNA: 371 cM across 13 segments

View in tree Message Edit Relationship


STEP 6: What are the details of your autosomal DNA match ?
NAME of DNA testing company / database:
Ancestry
AMOUNT of Match :
371
cM (centiMorgans)
# of Segments:
13
Relationship predicted by DNA testing company :
1st Cousin 1x removed

Then the app provides detailed instructions for adding the DNA confirmation to the Wikitree profile and include a citation that can be copied into the profile.

STEP 7: Here are the instructions to add the DNA confirmation and your properly sourced citation for this DNA confirmation:

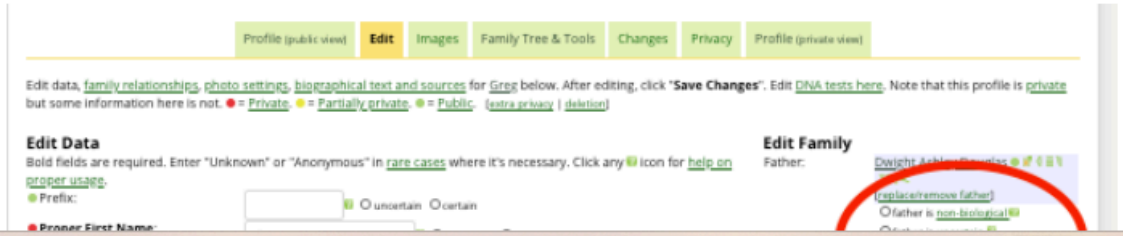
Customize Citations

**ADD the DNA Confirmation for**

## JUDSON CRAWFORD & JOSIE HAMMOND:

On WikiTree, the DNA Confirmation is done via the relationship status level, which is set from the **child's** edit page.

- Go to Leon Crawford's **Edit** page.
- MARK the relationship from **Leon Crawford** (Crawford-8396) to **Judson Crawford** (Crawford-8397) & **Josie Hammond** (Hammond-3777) as **confirmed with DNA** in the **Edit Family** column.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Edit
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Family Tree & Tools
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Profile (private view)
Edit data, family relationships, photo settings, biographical text and sources for Greg below. After editing, click "Save Changes". Edit DNA tests here. Note that this profile is private but some information here is not. = Private, = Partially private, = Public. (extra privacy | deletion)
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Bold fields are required. Enter "Unknown" or "Anonymous" in rare cases where it's necessary. Click any icon for help on proper usage.
Prefix:
uncertain
certain
Edit Family
Father:
(replace/remove father)
father is non-biological

**ADD the SOURCE CITATION for COMMON ANCESTOR:**

- Add this source citation in the **== Sources ==** section of Leon Crawford's profile (*to explain how you made the DNA-confirmed conclusion*).

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*  Paternal and Maternal relationships are both confirmed based on an autosomal {{AncestryDNA}} test match between [[Crawford-19511|Marcia Crawford]] and PrivateB (child of [[Crawford-8400|Lois Crawford]]), her [https://www.wikitree.com/index.php?title=Special:Relationship&action=calculate&person1Name=Crawford-19511&person2Name=Crawford-8400 1st cousin 1x removed]. Their most-recent common ancestors are [[Crawford-8397|Judson Crawford]] and [[Hammond-3777|Josie Hammond]], the great grandmother of [[Crawford-19511|Marcia Crawford]] and grandmother of PrivateB. Predicted relationship from AncestryDNA: 1st Cousin 1x removed, based on sharing 371 cM  across 13 segments.
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Thus, I have used DNA evidence to support my relationship to Josie Hammond and her husband Judson Crawford.

## DNA

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  - Citation generated by DNA Confirmation app, version 3.02 (updated 25.Sep.2024) - Crawford-19511 15:54, 30 October 2024 (UTC)

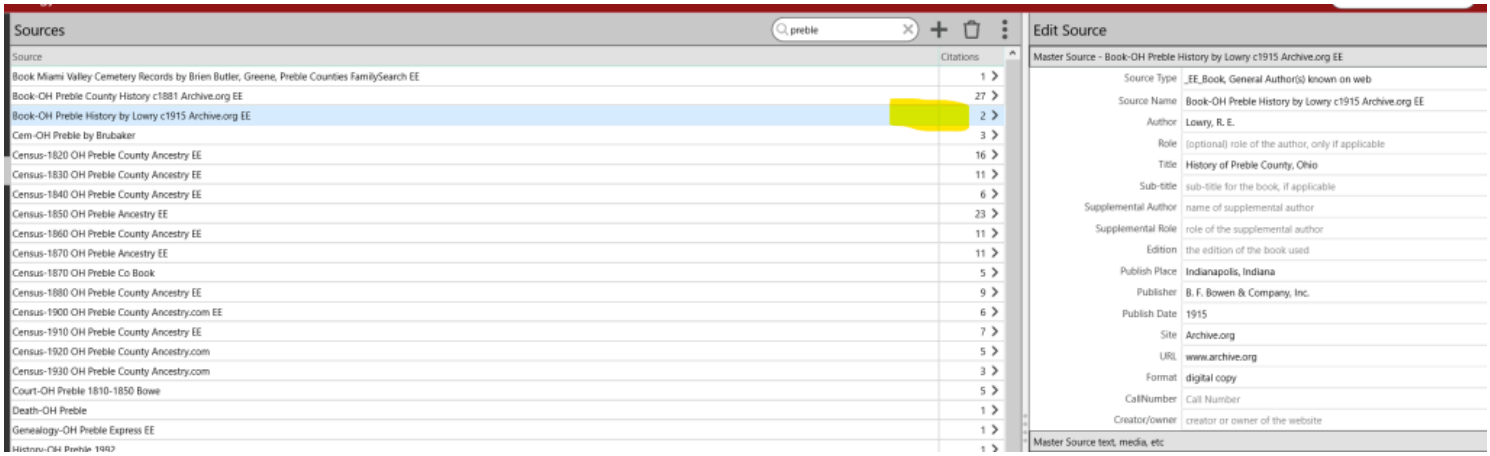
Now, I just need to repeat the process with my other close cousin matches to use genetic information to document my ancestry.

# John Duggins Biography

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 21, 2024
Duggins,Preble County,RootsMagic10

Have you ever thought about the wealth of information a single biography in a county history can hold? While revisiting my Duggins research, I found a biography of John F. Duggins in the *1915 Lowry History of Preble County*. Curious about my previous work, I checked RootsMagic to review how I'd cited this detailed biography.

To my surprise, my source list showed two different references to the book.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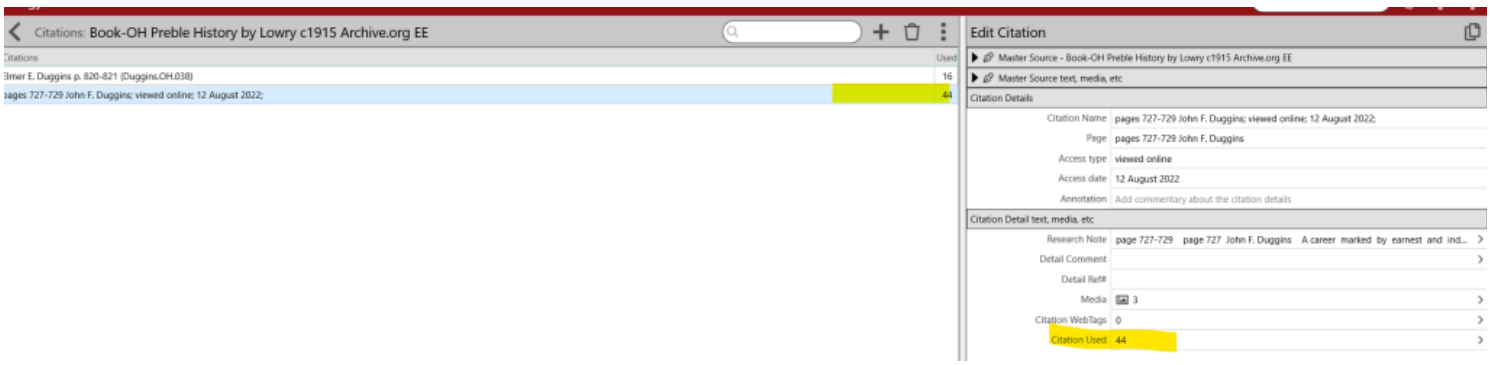
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When I clicked on "Citations Used," a new window displayed all the instances where I had utilized this source in my file, giving me an organized view of its impact on my research.

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| about 1910 | Residence | Duggins, Catherine J.-484 |
| about 1910 | Residence | Duggins, Celia-473 |
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| 17 Novembe | Death | Duggins, Cornelius V.-483 |
| 21 Novembe | Death | Duggins, Elizabeth A.-467 |
| 13 May 1847 | Birth | Duggins, Elizabeth A.-467 |
| 22 Decembe | Birth | Duggins, Henry-481 |
| 16 May 1811 | Marriage | Duggins, Henry-481 and Sellers, Jane-480 |
| May 1864 | Military | Duggins, John F.-351 |
| 2 May 1863 | Military | Duggins, John F.-351 |
| | Member | Duggins, John F.-351 |
| 13 January 1 | Military | Duggins, John F.-351 |
| | Owner | Duggins, John F.-351 |
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| between 19 | Military | Duggins, John F.-351 |
| 30 October 1 | Military | Duggins, John F.-351 |
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| 21 August 18 | Birth | Duggins, William A.-487 |
| 1850 | Birth | Greer, Anna-489 |
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| 4 Novembcr | Death | Monfort, Elizabeth-474 |

Below is a transcription of the John F Duggins biography found in the 1915 Lowry History of Preble County, Ohio

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**JOHN F. DUGGINS.**

A career marked by earnest and indefatigable application has been that of John F. Duggins, a substantial and honored citizen of Washington township, Preble county, Ohio, where he has maintained a residence for many years, during all of which time his life has been an open book to be read by his neighbors and friends. He was a valiant soldier of the Civil War, where his fidelity was of the same type as that which has characterized his actions in all the public and private relations of life. This conduct has gained for him the confidence and esteem of the public, and the unbounded respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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John F. Duggins was born in Eaton, Ohio, July 28, 1842, the son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Monfort) Duggins. Cornelius Duggins was born in Preble county, Ohio, March 17, 1812, a son of Henry Duggins, who was born in Virginia, on the river Dam, in 1788. Henry Duggins was a son of Alexander Duggins, who also was a native of Virginia, and who lived in that state all his life.

Henry Duggins emigrated from Kentucky to Ohio in 1806, and located in Gasper township, this county, where he was married to Jane Sellers, to which union six children were born: Cornelius, born in 1812; John, born in 1814; Nathan, born in 1816; William, born in 1818; Washington, born in 1820, and Caroline, born in 1824. Jane Sellers was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, August 6, 1782, a daughter of Nathan Sellers, and was one of eleven children, ten daughters and one son: Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, Sallie, Peggy, Ailsy, Nancy, Nellie, Rebecca and Nathan.

Cornelius Duggins was born on March 17, 1812, on the farm in Gasper township, two miles south of Eaton, where John F. lived so many years, and grew up there and married. Later he went to Newcastle, Indiana, where his death occurred on November 17, 1849. His widow survived him many years, her death not occurring until November 4, 1895. They were the parents of five children: Catherine, unmarried, who lives in Eaton; Celia, the widow of William Barnet, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio; Nathan, deceased, who was born in 1840; John F., with whom this narrative deals, and Elizabeth (deceased), who was born in 1842 and died in 1873. Elizabeth (Monfort) Duggins, the mother of these children, was born in Warren county, Ohio, April 7, 1814, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Monfort) Monfort, who were cousins, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in Warren county, this state, who came to Preble county in the year 1815, locating at Eaton, where Henry Monfort conducted a hotel for many years. Henry Monfort was twice married. His first wife, dying in 1821, he married, secondly, a Miss Kervines. Both he and his wife died in 1849, victims of the cholera scourge of that year.

John F. Duggins, the fourth child born to his parents, was reared on the paternal farm near Eaton and received his education in the little old log school house which served his neighborhood in the days of his youth. He enlisted for service in the Union army on October 30, 1861, in Company C, Seventy-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Harris, and served three years and three months, receiving his discharge on January 13, 1865. Mr. Duggins took part in the battles of McDowell, Chancellorsville, Bull Run and Cross Keys. He was taken a prisoner at

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Chancellorsville on May 2, 1863, and was held for six weeks before being exchanged. He was captured again near Lake George, Florida, and was in prison from May 19 to November 26, 1864. He returned to Preble county after the close of the war, and resumed his work on the farm.

On November 18, 1888, at Eaton, Mr. Duggins was married to Anna Greer, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, a daughter of James Greer. Mr. and Mrs. Duggins have no children.

Mr. Duggins is an adherent of the Republican party, but has not been active in political affairs, preferring rather to devote his attention to his agricultural interests. He is the owner of one hundred and thirty-four acres of fertile land, on which he carries on a diversified system of farming, with a very gratifying degree of success. Mr. Duggins is a man of wonderful memory and acquainted with much of the early history of Eaton and Preble county, and is highly respected and honored in the community in which he lives, very properly ranking as one of the most substantial citizens of the county.

# Friday Finds

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 22, 2024
Kansas,Mentzer,Woodson_County

## George Mentzer's Obituary

Friday, Jan. 26, 1912
Obituary
Mentzer
George Mentzer was born in Stowe, Mass., June 12, 1838, and died at his home near Yates Center, Woodson Co., Kansas, on Jan. 19, 1912, of paralysis, aged 73 years, 7 months and 7 days.
He enlisted in Co. C 24th Massachusetts regiment on Sept. 25, 1861, and served three years, until discharged on Sept. 28, 1864.
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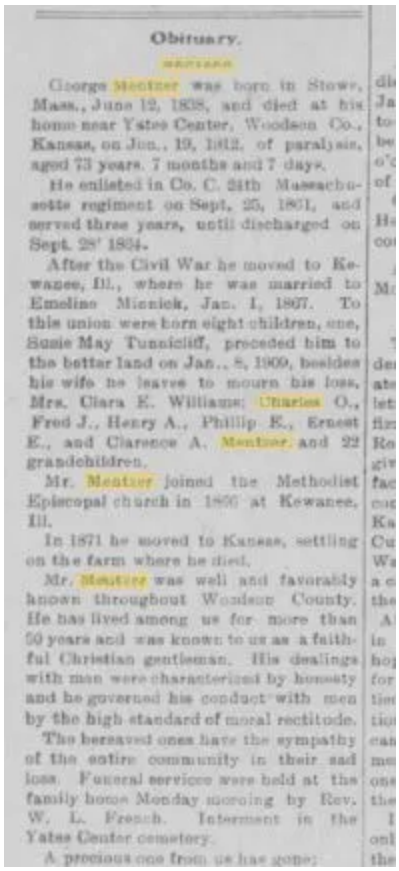
Mr. Mentzer joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1866 at Kewanee, Ill.
In 1871 he moved to Kansas, settling on the farm where he died.
Mr. Mentzer was well and favorably known throughout Woodson County. He has lived among us for more than 50 years and was known to us as a faithful Christian gentleman. His dealings with men were characterized by honesty and he governed his conduct with men by the high standard of moral rectitude.
The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss. Funeral services were held at the family home Monday morning by Rev. W. L. French. Interment in the Yates Center Cemetery.
A precious one from us has gone;
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given
And though the body slumbers in the grave,
His soul is safe in Heaven.

"Obituary – Mentzer," The Yates Center News (Yates Center, Kansas), 26 January 1912, image 4; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online August 2018).



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**George Mentzer's Death Certificate**

Place of Death: Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas
RR #2, Yates Center
Full Name: George Mentzer
male
white
married
date of birth: June 12, 1838
age 73 yrs 7 mos 6 da
farmer
stock farmer
birthplace: Mass
date of death: Jan 19 1912
Burial: Yates Center
Date of Burial Jan 22 1912
undertaker: S. Johnson, Yates Center
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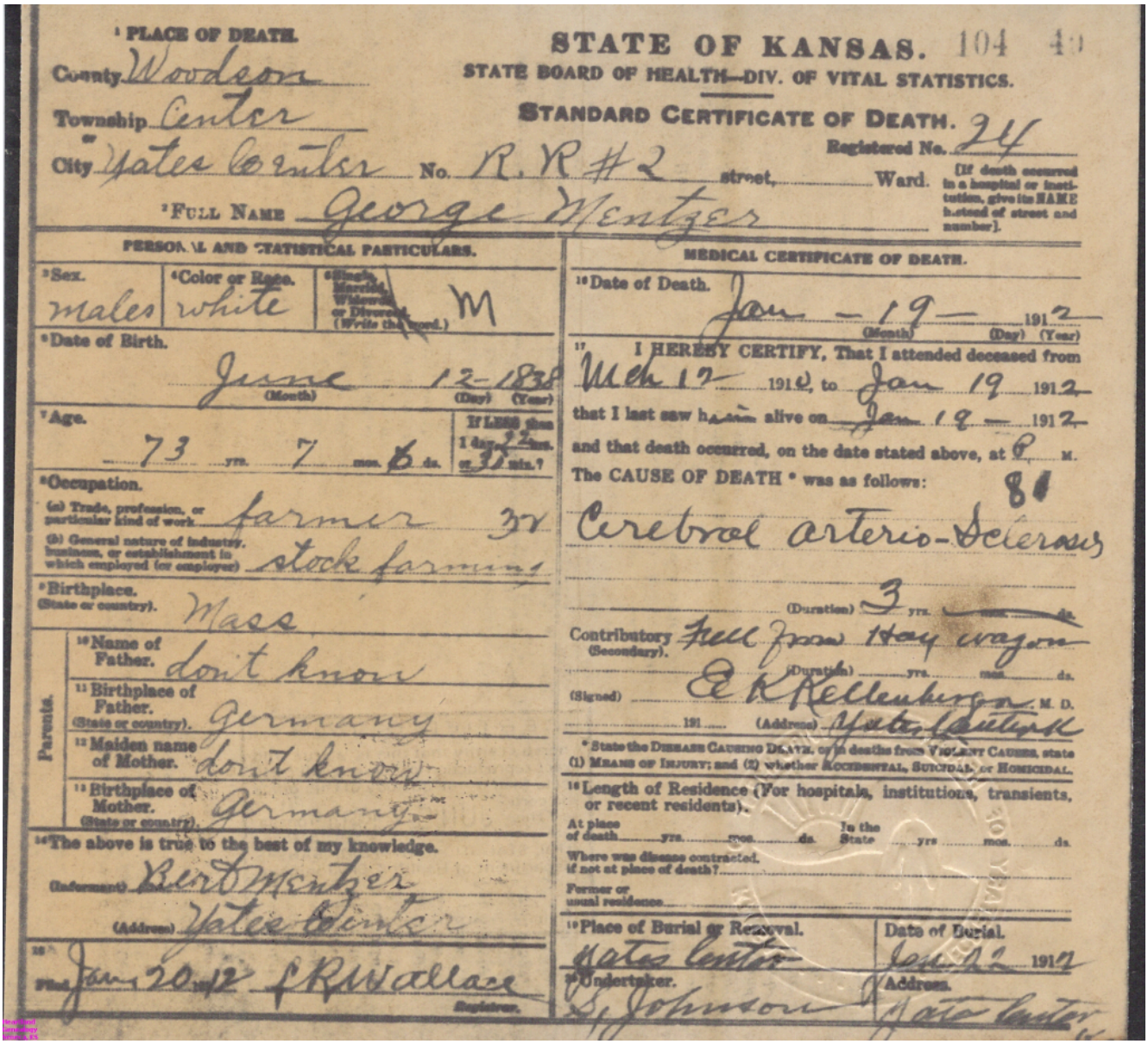
father birthplace: German
Mother name: don't know
mother birthplace: Germany
Informant: Bert Mentzer, Yates Center



STATE OF KANSAS. 104 40

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS.

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH. Registered No. 24

1 PLACE OF DEATH.
County Woodson
Township Center
or
City Yates Center No. R.R #2 street, Ward. [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number].

2 FULL NAME George Wentzer

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

3 Sex. males
4 Color or Race. white
5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced. (Write the word.) M
6 Date of Birth. June 12 1838 (Month) (Day) (Year)
7 Age. 73 yrs. 7 mon. 6 da. If LESS than 1 day 2 hrs. or 37 min.?
8 Occupation.
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work farmer 37
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) stock farming
9 Birthplace. (State or country). Mass
Parents.
10 Name of Father. don't know
11 Birthplace of Father. (State or country). Germany
12 Maiden name of Mother. don't know
13 Birthplace of Mother. (State or country). Germany
14 The above is true to the best of my knowledge.
(Informant) Bert Wentzer
(Address) Yates Center
15 Filed Jan 20 12 F R Wallace Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

16 Date of Death. Jan 19 1912 (Month) (Day) (Year)
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Mch 17 1911 to Jan 19 1912
that I last saw him alive on Jan 19 1912
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8 M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows: 81
Cerebral arterio-Sclerosis
(Duration) 3 yrs. mos. da.
Contributory (Secondary). Fell from Hay wagon
(Duration) yrs. mos. da.
(Signed) A K Kellenburger M. D.
191 (Address) Yates Center Kan

* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

18 Length of Residence (For hospitals, institutions, transients, or recent residents).
At place of death yrs. mos. da. In the State yrs mos. da.
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence.

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# War News

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**Send Off**

*(narrative written by ChatGPT using 3 May 1917 newspaper account)*

In April 1917, Seneca, Kansas, hosted a momentous and deeply emotional gathering to honor young local men preparing to depart for military service in World War I. The event, held in the packed courtroom, united hundreds of townspeople in an outpouring of patriotism not seen since the Spanish-American War. Families, friends, veterans, and community leaders gathered to bid farewell to over forty recruits, several of whom were leaving the next day for assignments with the Coast Artillery Service.

The program began with a stirring march of Civil War veterans to the front of the room, where they saluted the flag. These aging heroes symbolically passed the torch to the young men of Seneca who were about to embark on their own journey into war. As the recruits marched to take their positions in the courtroom, the crowd erupted in applause, a testament to their pride and support. The scene was described as one of unparalleled inspiration, uniting the community in a shared commitment to freedom and democracy.

The evening featured speeches from prominent community members. Judge R. M. Emery praised the courage and patriotism of the recruits, emphasizing the righteousness of fighting to uphold democracy and protect free people around the world. Other speakers, including C. C. K. Scoville and V. B. Fisher, drew on their personal experiences and reflections, expressing both the gravity of the moment and the hope for a brighter future. Fisher, a twice-wounded Civil War veteran, warmly encouraged the young men, drawing parallels between their mission and his own service decades earlier.

Reverend Dr. Thayer and Superintendent R. G. Mueller spoke about the broader significance of the war, reminding the audience of their shared responsibility to uphold democratic values and support the soldiers abroad. Reverend Morton delivered a powerful address, invoking the sacrifices of past patriots and calling for unity in the fight against tyranny.

The evening was punctuated by musical performances, including a rendition of “Marching Through Georgia,” and heartfelt responses from some of the young recruits. Embert Coles, Rolland Dennen, and Albert Koelzer expressed their determination to serve with honor, even as they acknowledged the uncertainties and dangers ahead.

The event encapsulated the resolve, faith, and community spirit of Seneca. As the recruits prepared to leave, they were sent off with a collective blessing of hope, gratitude, and unwavering support, embodying the town’s deep commitment to its soldiers and the principles for which they were about to fight.

*Transcript of article from the 3 May 1917 Courier Democrat*

**HONORED ‘SAVIOURS’ AND ‘DEFENDERS’**

**A FERVENT LOYALTY MEETING**

**IN GREATEST BURST OF PATRIOTISM SINCE OUTBREAK OF SPANISH WAR SENECA PEOPLE SALUTE SOLDIER BOYS.**

Seneca, Kansas, April 30th: The courtroom fell far short of sufficient room to accommodate the hundreds of Seneca people who gathered tonight to pay homage to the forty or more Seneca recruits who leave within the next few weeks for service with the American forces. In view of the fact that several members of the Coast Artillery Service leave tomorrow, (Tuesday) for Manhattan and Fort Logan, Colorado, a committee of men met earlier in the day upon invitation of Mayor Dennis and worked out a hurried program. The news that Seneca would honor its soldier boys that night spread rapidly and before the assemblage was called to order by Commander E. R. Murphy of George Graham Post, the courtroom was packed to capacity.

The storm of applause that swept over the splendid audience first broke with the march of the veterans of the Rebellion, to the front of the room where Commander Murphy ordered a salute to the Flag. The heroes of the Civil War were assigned seats in the jury box. A few minutes later two score of the Seneca recruits to the great war marched forward and took positions within the bar on the right of the room. With the men of ’61 and ’65 on the one hand, our boys of ’17 on the other, the band between quickening the pulse to the stirring strains of national airs, here was a scene the like of which Seneca people have never before—witnessed. It was the greatest inspiration to an insight of the love of Seneca people for a free government that this old town has ever known. It is far beyond the power of a writing man to hand to you the sympathetic word picture of the scene that its thrill merits. It was not so much the things that were said, it was not so much the playing and the singing of the country’s songs—it was the magnificent determination that shone in every face to do his bit. None caught this feeling quicker than the old veterans. Small wonder that backs, bent by the weight of the passing years, straightened to “attention” and shaking hands came smartly to salute. And in all this great war through you will remember no scene so vividly as that of the close when, gray-haired Judge Larimer, that griz-

zled hero of some of the most terrible fighting of the Rebellion, stood before the audience waving “Old Glory” while a young recruit of our latest war performed a like function on his right.

We would like to give you all the speakers said but must confine ourselves to excerpts.

Commodore Murphy introduced the speakers in turn. The first was Judge R. M. Emery who said in substance: “Ladies and Gentlemen, Men of the G. A. R. and our Soldier Boys: “It is a pleasure to speak upon an occasion like this and I am gratified at this magnificent crowd that has gathered tonight to bid you boys God-speed as you go forth to fight your country’s battles. It has been said in the east that the middle west has not awakened to the meanings of the time. I think this audience effectually refutes that statement. Your presence on just a few hours short notice tells of the fires of patriotism that are burning in your hearts. The necessities of war are to be deplored but the greatest things in history have been accomplished by righteous wars. We are now entering upon the fiercest and most extensive war in the history of the world. To some it may seem that we are not deeply interested but when a nation assumes to control the waters of the earth, to deny its traffic to free peoples and to deny the right of any free citizen to travel thereon, this nation must receive the punishment it deserves. Our noble President has done everything that he could to avoid war, he has protested, exhorted and supplicated for our rights, yet he has been ignored, our vessels have been sunk and innocent men, women and children have lost their lives while bound upon their peaceful avocations. The President has been compelled for the sake of our honor to tell this government, that should it not desist, we can no longer treat them as a brother nation. One of the noblest things is that while some might have doubted the propriety of going to war, the Congress, Republicans and Democrats alike, have joined with the President to uphold his hands and the dignity of the United States.

“But this is a sad occasion, especially to some. The flower of our

youth is called upon to go forward to maintain the dignity of our country. The hearts of our mothers will bleed for them and yet we feel proud that over two score of our young men have already enlisted. The young man who has the distinguished honor of being the first to enlist from Seneca is Harry Myers.

“And it is mete and proper that the Mayor should call us together tonight to recognize their valor and bid them God-speed in their noble and glorious purpose. Boys, as you go forth to fight for your country if need be, remember those you love, keep a tender regard for your own city and in battle or in camp may you do your full duty and honor the community from which you go. The boys over here of the Rebellion went forth to fight their country’s battles. Many fell but some returned. These were the ones who received the honor and for over a quarter of a century they dominated the political life of the country because they stood by it in its time of trial. So will you be honored upon your return.”

Seneca men, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. Dennen, Mr. Reichert, Dr. Grindle, Mr. L. J. and Mr. Ed. Scheier and Mr. Mathews then sang a song to the tune of Marching Through Georgia, the words composed by Mrs. T. J. Richardson of Circleville.

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+Mr. Chas. H. Herold was introduced. He said in substance: “We are gathered together flush with the pride of renewed loyalty and patriotism as we have come to bid God-speed to the boys who go from out of our citizenship to answer our country’s call in this the momentous struggle of all time. Truth and frankness prompt me to say that I was not one of those enthusiastic for war. I had hoped and prayed that this crisis might pass my country by. But the President and the Congress decided otherwise and now every American is for war. This great struggle that lies before us has a great cause behind it and our President in his proclamation has said that this cause is Democracy, government for the people and by the people. And it is a cause that is well worthy to draw the sword. He has told us and we know that we shall not lay down our arms until democ-

racy has been extended to the uttermost confines of the world. This country, my fellow citizens, is a cosmopolitan people. It has rightly been called the melting pot. From all lands in the 140 years of our existence the people have come to our shores because we invited the oppressed of all nations. And millions of these were cradled between the waters of the Rhine and the Vistula. Many millions spring from the loins of those who have come here to better their conditions and seeking the freedom of which they had dreamed for years. History, tradition and ties of blood bind these people to those of the Central Powers. It is more than human nature to repress the feelings and sentiments of a lifetime. But knowing them as I do, myself springing from the same stock, I can assure you that in this momentous struggle you will find a no more loyal or patriotic people than those who spring from the Central Powers. They are trained from childhood in discipline and obedience and they know what they owe to their country. They will not falter and will be found true until the victory is won. And I appeal to you, my fellow citizens, to exercise a war-time charity toward those who are tied by these tender ties to the country that is now our enemy.

“Well may we do honor to the boys who leave so shortly, to respond to the highest call of citizenship. May we not hope that they will show bravery and soldierly conduct as a guarantee of the loyalty and patriotism of the community from which they come. May we express the hope that they will soon return. That when they shall return with peace restored, they may return to a world without a king and with autocracy and tyranny dead at the feet of justice, with democracy entrenched in every land, exerting its just and

beneficent rule to all the people of all the earth.”

C. C. K. Scoville: “Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen and Boys I have helped bring up. I told Mrs. Scoville before I left that I felt more like I was going to a funeral than the celebration of the beginning of a great war. There is no man who has a greater love for his country or greater patriotism than I. As I

listened to these eloquent gentlemen it seemed as though my tongue was tied to the roof of my mouth. Try as I may it is not possible for me to forget for one moment that within hearing distance of the guns sleeps tonight the one who is dearer to me than all else in the world. That her heart is with the enemy of my country. It is not possible for me to forget for one moment that the one who is dearer to her is an enemy to the other son of mine who works in the shadow of the Rhode Island naval yards. I tell you friends, this is a tragedy and it is no wonder that I cannot talk. Greater than all else, dearer than everything else, is this which springs from God Almighty, Life itself. This is the first time in history that the whole world is at war and there is no peace. I am constrained to ask all of you people, what does it mean—what are we coming to? It is a time when good men stop and wonder and say, 'give us light.' It is a time when mother shall meet mother and ask, 'what of the times?' It is the greatest and blackest shadow that ever fell upon men. It is a time for men to stop and think."

V. B. Fisher, twice wounded in the Civil War, was the next speaker. Van was in his best form. He talked a little fast for the reporter to get it in long hand but here is the gist of his remarks: "I want to shake hands with all of you boys." Suiting his action to the words the old veteran shook the hand of each recruit. "I remember when I was a soldier once," he said, "and I realize how you boys feel. I helped raise all you boys." Turning to the audience he said: "It looks like an imposition for me to talk to you after all these lawyers and bankers have addressed you. All this carries me back to that other night in '61, as a lad of eighteen when I joined the colors. I am glad for the Old Flag I helped to save. It is the pride of my life that these boys have not forgotten and have the same love for it and the same friendship as had those boys of '61. Your old comrades ought to be proud that you have lived to see this day. First I enlisted for three months. Then there was a call for three year enlistments. That looked like a long time. I thought it over. Then I up and says, 'put her down, sir, Van Buren Fisher!' I am glad today that there is north

and no south—that we are all one—
just Americans. I believe that this
war will bring on great reform.
I believe the Almighty has a hand
in it. I believe that great things will
be revived in the hearts of the people.
God bless you boys, there will be
many a tear shed over your leaving.
Many a pillow will be wet with a
mother's tears. You mothers, write
to your boys. Tell them that you're
praying for them. Bless your souls,
war is just what old Sherman said
it was. I rejoice that some of my
blood has helped to paint the red in
that old flag. I am glad that we can
hand the heritage for which we fought
down to our boys. Mothers, encourage
your boys in the things that ought
to be as precious as life itself."

Judge Mitchell said in part: "Ladies
and gentlemen and boys that have
enlisted for the war. Just 56 years
ago this month the flag was fired
upon at Sumpter and Lincoln made
his call for 40,000 volunteers for
ninety days to put down the Rebellion.
The next call was for 300, then again
300,000 and still 300,000 more. I am

going to talk to you boys but I am
glad to see the turn-out of people
here tonight. Since we fought there
has been a great improvement in
death-dealing devices and a new
method called trench warfare which
you boys may have to face. The
thing for you boys to do is to put
your reliance in God and buckle on
your armour. It may be three or
four years before this war is ended.
We want you boys to remember that
you are not going out on a picnic.
Stay by the old Flag all the way
through and may God bring you safe-
ly back to your friends and to a peace
the whole world through."

Supt. R. G. Mueller said in part:
"I believe that we teachers may safe-
ly claim the honor of raising these
boys, more than anyone else perhaps,
outside of their own homes. We
have talked with them and counseled
them and we have taken them across
our knees and argued with them. I
have been rather a close observer of
what is going on in the world and
somewhat of a student of history. I
believe that these are the most im-
portant events in all history of
the world. As far as I know there
have never before been such great
issues at stake. This is no play

matter. It is not a time for rejoicing, neither is it a time for mourning. We must face the issues. In this connection I am reminded of that toast given by Stephen Decatur 100 years ago. 'My country, in her intercourse with foreign nations, may she ever be right, but My Country, right or wrong.' That is the one sentiment of our country, a universal sentiment. Whether or not we may have agreed with the powers that be, our lot has been cast and there is but one thing to do—stand by the country. We at home will have a part to play—to keep the industries of life going and to supply our men at the front with the supplies they need, that our boys may not suffer for the necessities of life. As I look out upon this crisis in this momentous time, it seems to me that we have here a unique opportunity to gather together as citizens to do honor to the boys of our previous war and to the defenders of our homes. May the heritage from the boys of '61 be transmitted to these boys, to the end that democracy may never cease from the earth."

Rev. Dr. Thayer said: "I would prefer to sit here and listen to these old veterans who have borne the burden and heat of the day. We are in the position of Carey of modern missions fame who said: 'I'll go down into the well, but you've got to hold the rope.' We're in the conflict just as much as these boys and we've got to hold the rope. War is exacted at the fearful cost of good things. I was just old enough to remember seeing the soldiers come back from the Civil War. It cost a lot. And the tragedy of it was that you old soldiers had to go out and fight the South to establish in the South just the very thing it needed most—a realization of the importance of strong central government. It isn't to kill Germans that we now go to war, though that may be necessary. Caesar once thought to conquer all that great portion of Europe for himself, then the name changes a trifle until it became the Czar, then and then again to the Kaiser, dynasties that believe in a world created for their own express benefit. The thing you boys have got to do is to establish democracy in the minds and hearts of the people who most need it—to carry democracy into the center of the world's greatest imperialism. To give these German people the same

rights as these other people of like race who come into town every Saturday with their happy families and in a land of perfect liberty."

Rev. Morton made a most eloquent address. The Methodist minister talks rapidly and the reporter had difficulty keeping up. He began with an apt phrase: "Saviours of Our Country and Defenders of Our Country: "I am happy to be in Seneca. I was glad to be in the city clerk's office this morning at the call of the Mayor and to see this drama in life unfold. This is a very solemn occasion which you and I will not forget for some time. Shortly we may hear the trump that will announce our part in the mighty conflict and we are here tonight to take part in maintaining the institutions of democracy in which we live. Our history has been measured by notable events and only a democracy born like ours could give birth to such great and glorious heroes." Dramatically the speaker gestured to either side of the room. "It is not far across this aisle," he

said, "but it is far across the years. I seem to hear the voice of that great patriot who said, 'give me liberty or give me death.' And again Nathan Hale who said, 'I regret that I have but one life to give for my country.' And later those words, 'Shoot if you must this old grey head, but spare your country's flag' and that stirring cry, 'On to Richmond, On to Richmond.' We have laid all political alignments aside and for one I say let Teddy and his boys go forward." (This remark drew a roar of applause.) Boys, we can trust you, you have our highest regard and respect. May Christ be with you night and day."

Mrs. H. E. Jenkins said in part: "Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen and Our Young Soldiers. I am proud of this opportunity to say a few words. If I can leave one good thought with these boys I shall be satisfied. This is a sad time, this parting of loved ones yet we are glad and proud that we have mothers who can raise sons who are ready to answer their country's call. We feel sure that the mothers will be blessed by these lessons of truth and patriotism. One country and one flag. Revere and hold it sacred boys. We give our flag into their keeping. I love every

star and every bar in Old Glory. I love the old comrades, those who gave that we might enjoy these privileges. They trust these treasures in your hand and if you must go, may God bring you safely back to us, with flag unstained and honored, the flag of the free. You boys were not born to be slaves. May God bless you."

Ira K. Wells: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we're in war. We don't realize what it means. But this war will be brought home to us and every family will have to do its bit. We must face the music. We appreciate that these boys have come forward without waiting for a draft. I hope T. R. will be allowed to carry the flag to the front."

Responses were given by Embert Coles, Rolland Dennen and Albert Koelzer and by Corporal Parrott of the regular army who is home on furlough. Embert Coles said that he didn't expect to come back with a lot of medals on his breast and hoped that he would not come home with holes in the back of his coat. Rolland Dennen said that he had rather hoped for medals. He said that he might need a little re-enforcement in front. The boys were all thankful for the demonstration.

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

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**Calling All Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night Again –**

**`Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!`**

**Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.**

1) Today's challenge is to answer the question "**Who Is the Earliest Ancestor In Your Paternal Tree?**

2) Tell us about your earliest paternal ancestor in your family tree on your own blog post, in a comment here, or on your Facebook page. Be sure to leave a link to your report in a comment on this post.

The honest answer to this question is 'I don't know'. I have a very deep tree with many colonial lines. Quite a few of those lines go back to New England or New Amsterdam.

My first attempt to figure this out was to look at fan charts. Since many of my paternal linesare deeply colonial, the fan charts did not help find the earliest parternal ancestor. Like Ranky, I have used published works to identify these ancestors.

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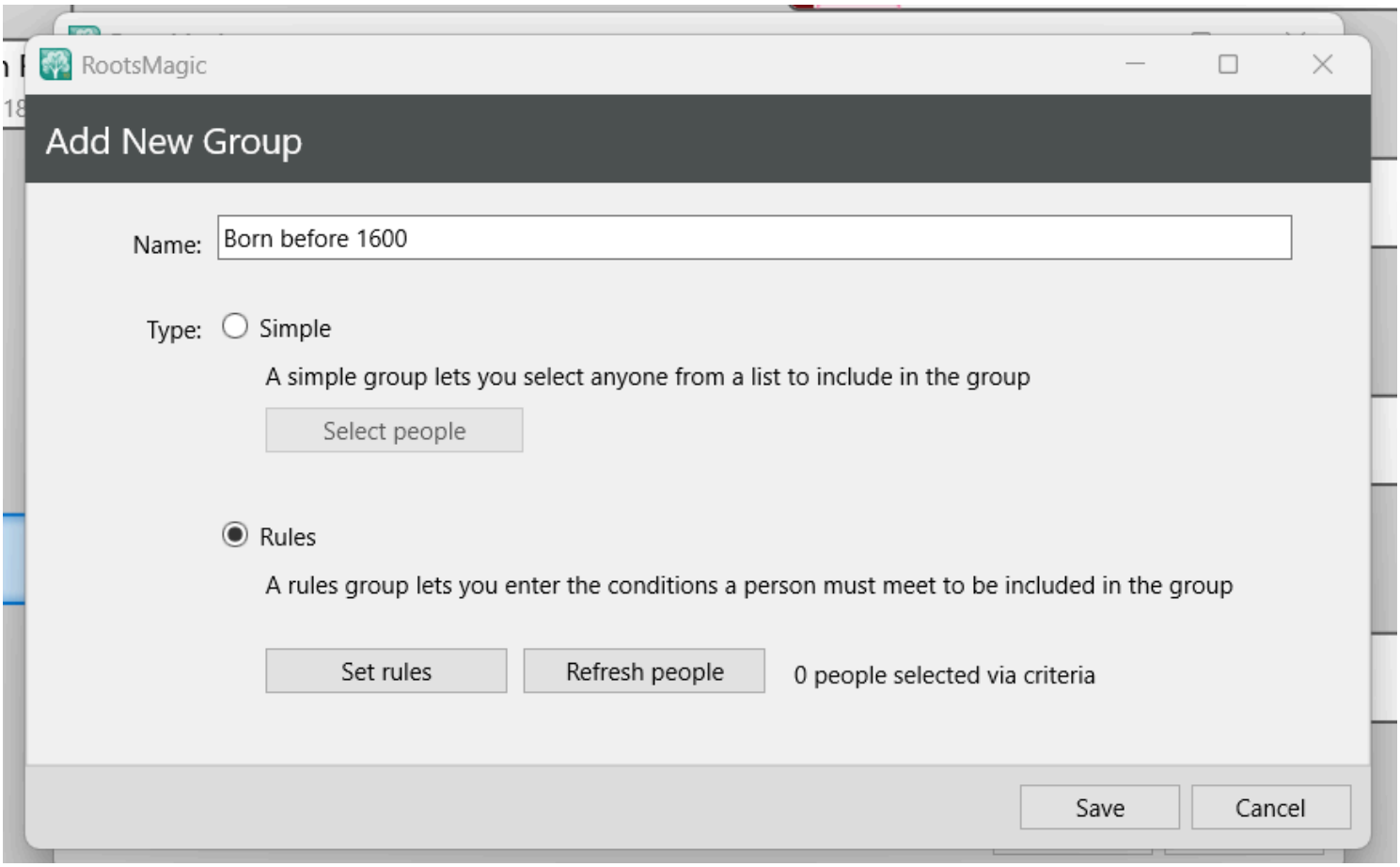


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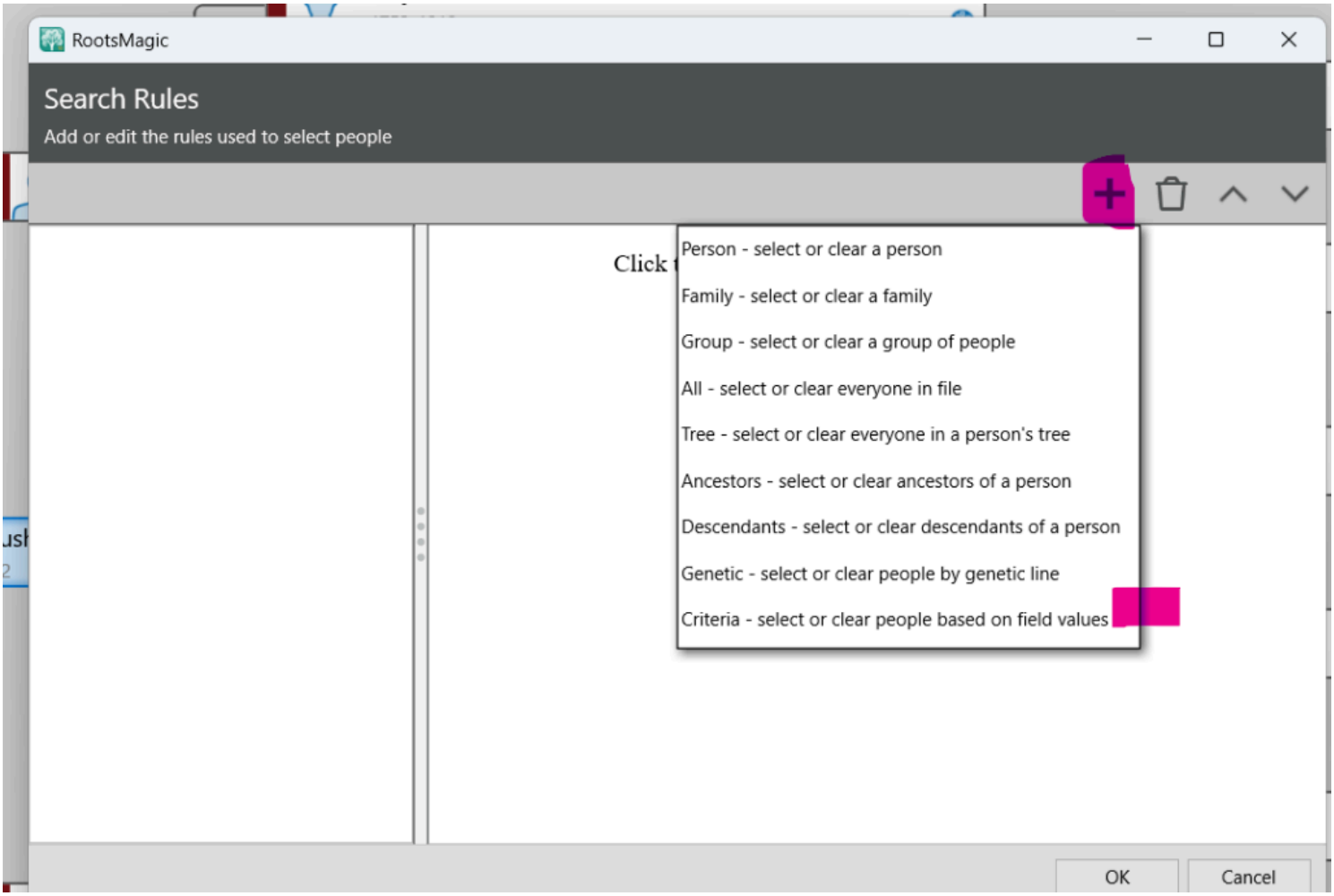
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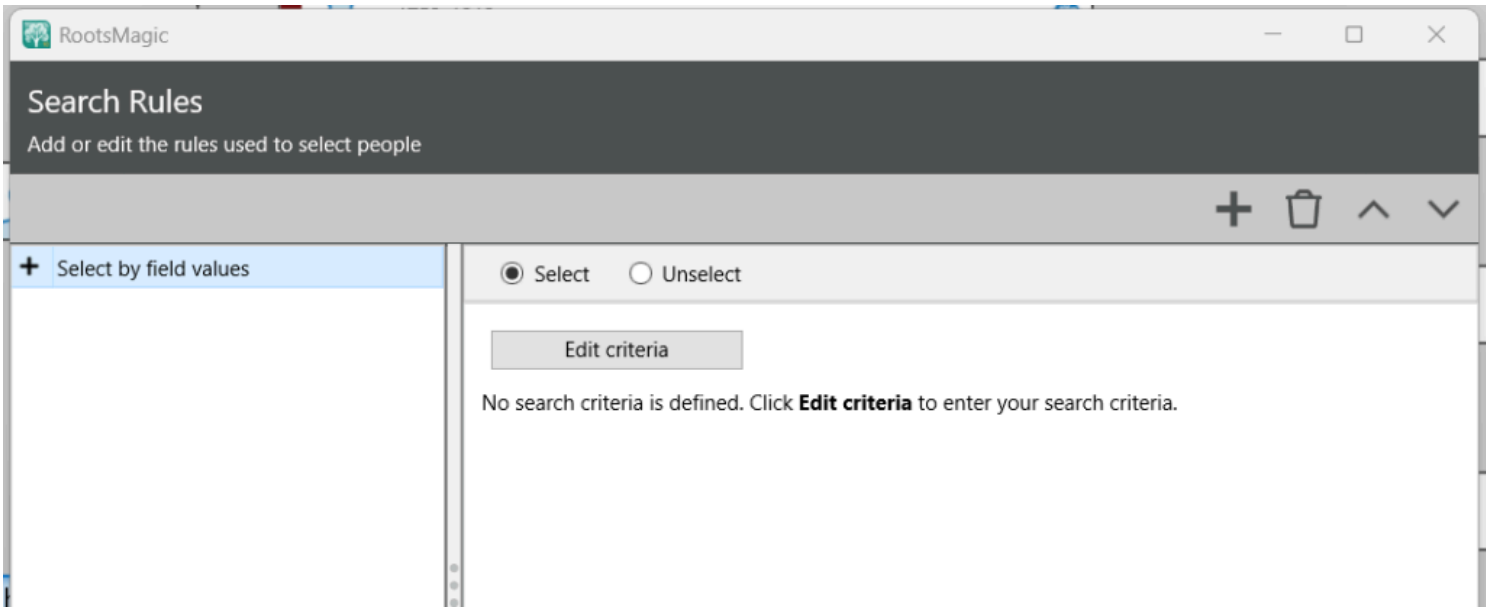
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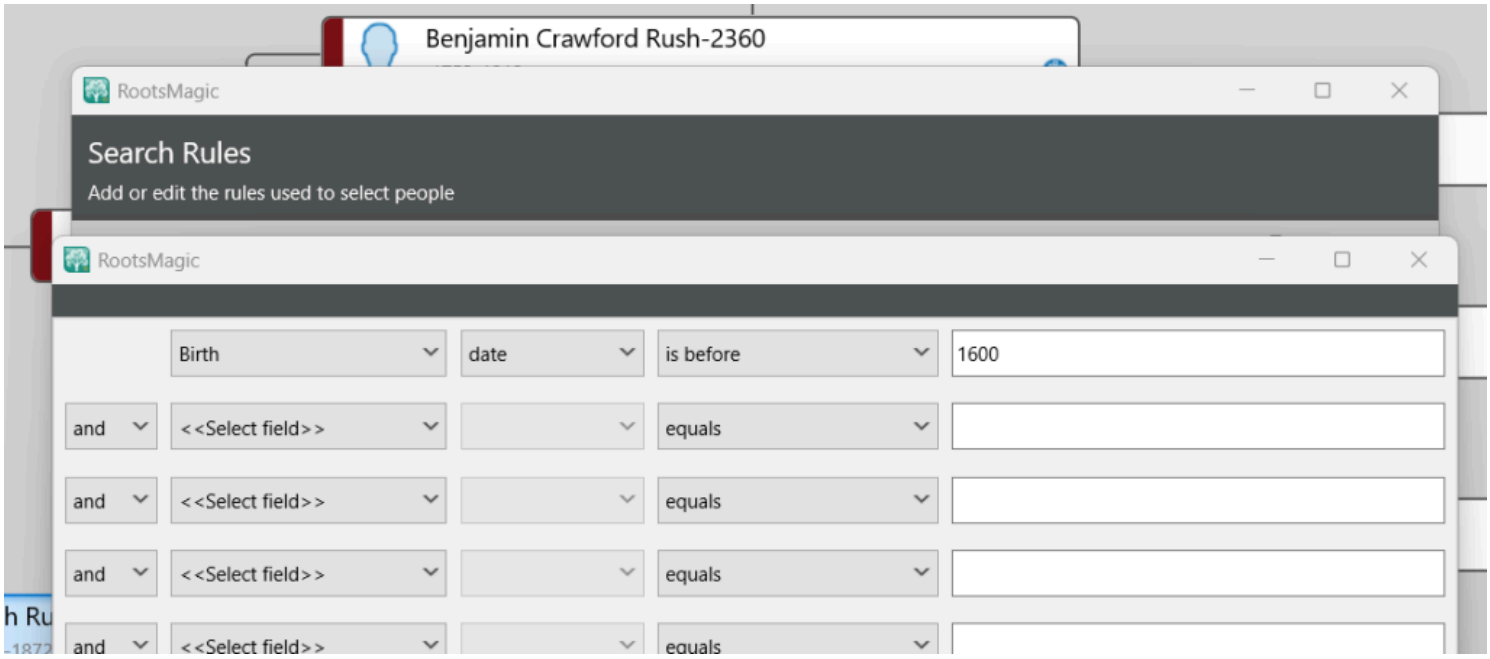


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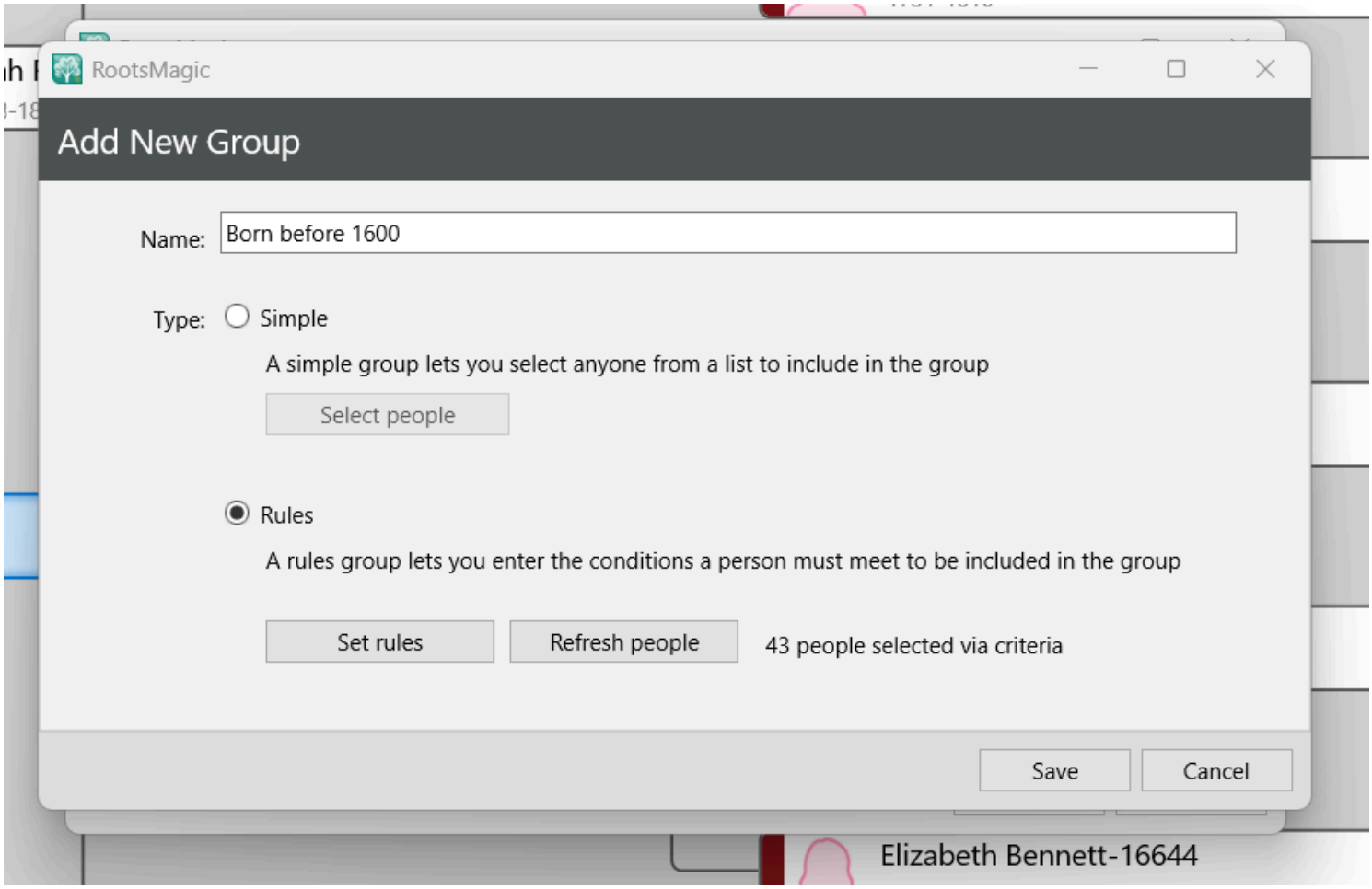


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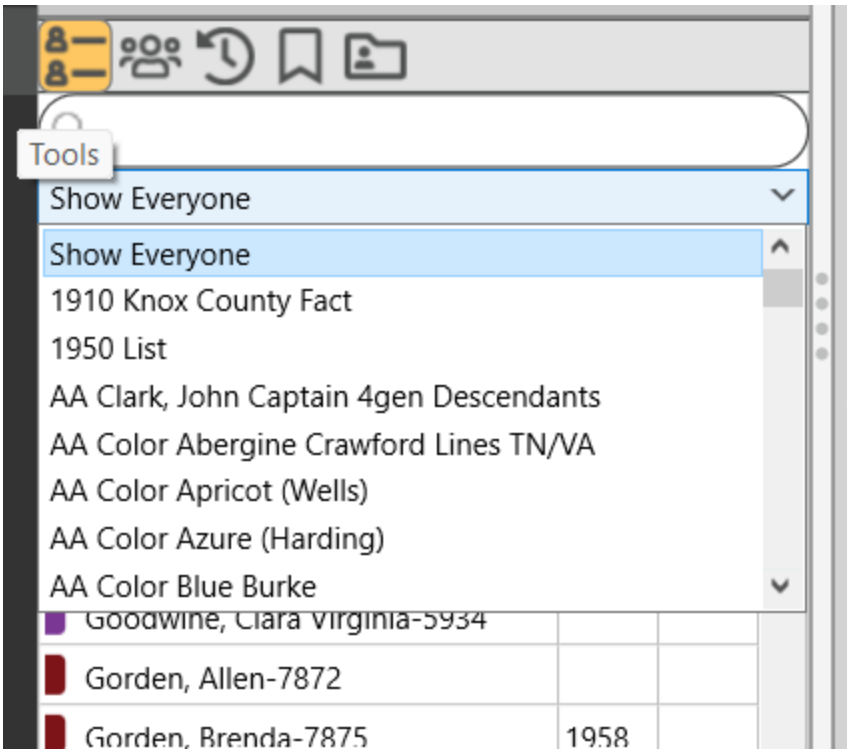


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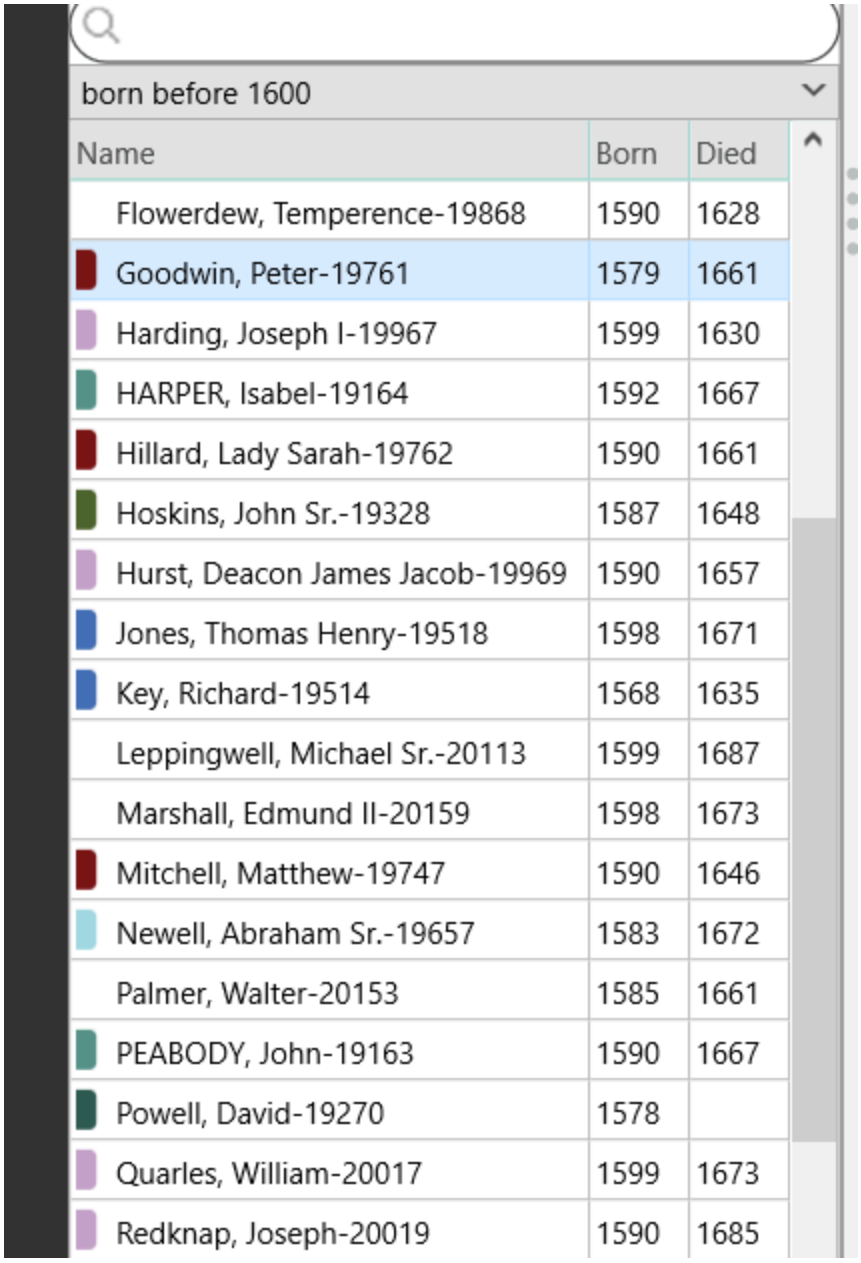
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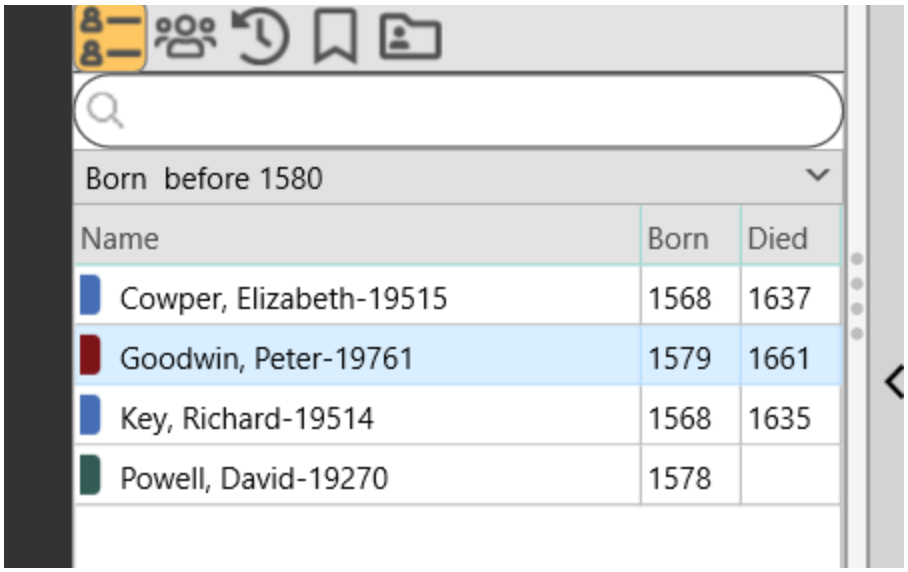


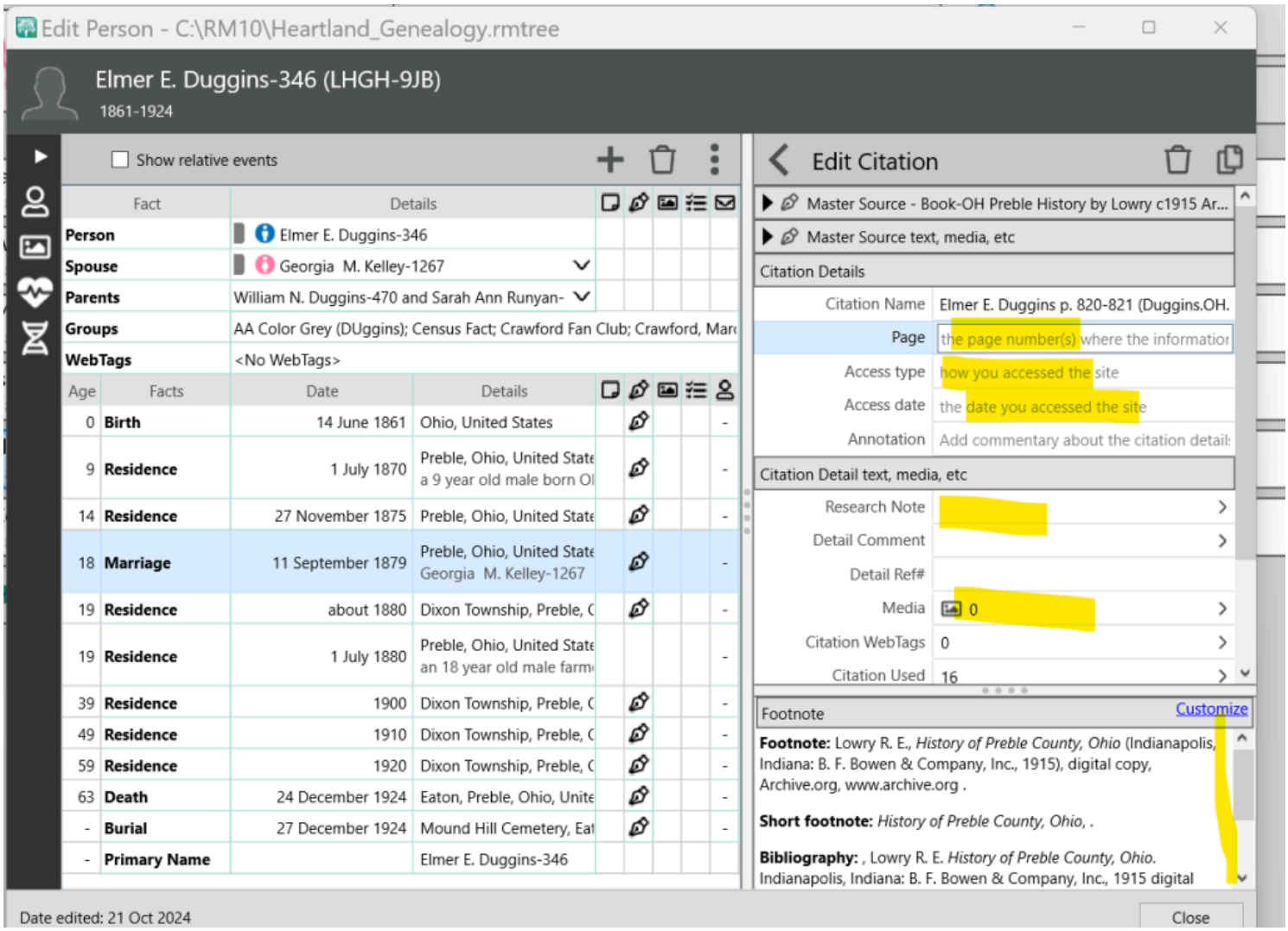
Of these 4 individuals, Elizabeth Cowper and Richard Key are 10th great grandparents on my BURKE line. David Powell is a 10th great grandfather on my FOSTER line and Peter Goodwin is a 11th great grandfather on my Briles line, which is a maternal line.

# Elmer Duggins

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 25, 2024
Duggins,Preble County,RootsMagic10

As a RootsMagic user, one of my favorite features is the ability to update a single citation for a source and have it automatically apply to every instance where that citation is used.

While researching the Duggins descendants of Sally Smith, I noticed one of my citations was incomplete. By filling in the missing details in the citation fields, the footnote instantly updated across all uses. I also added the transcription to the notes field for easy reference back to the original text. The final step was attaching an image of the source.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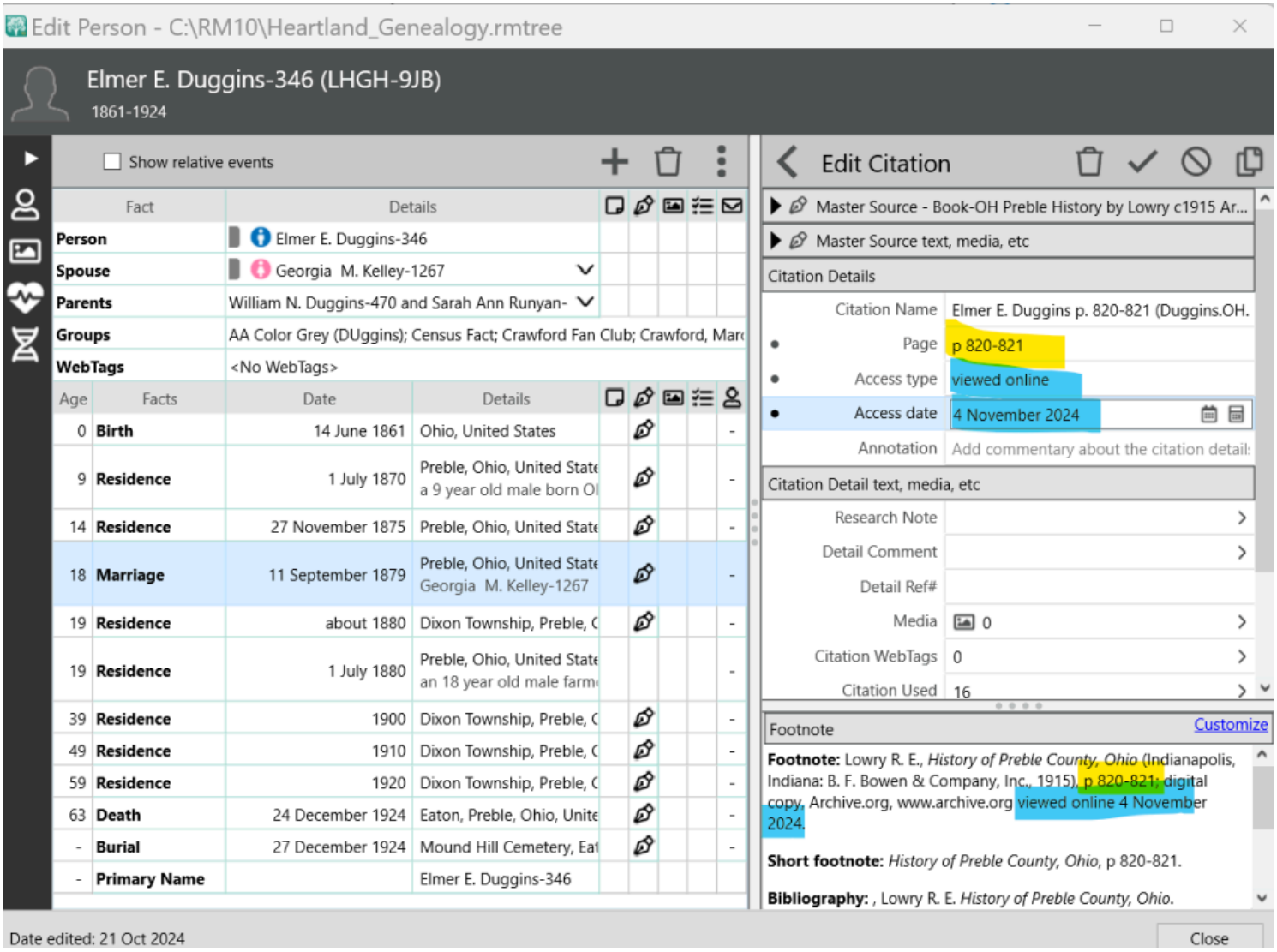
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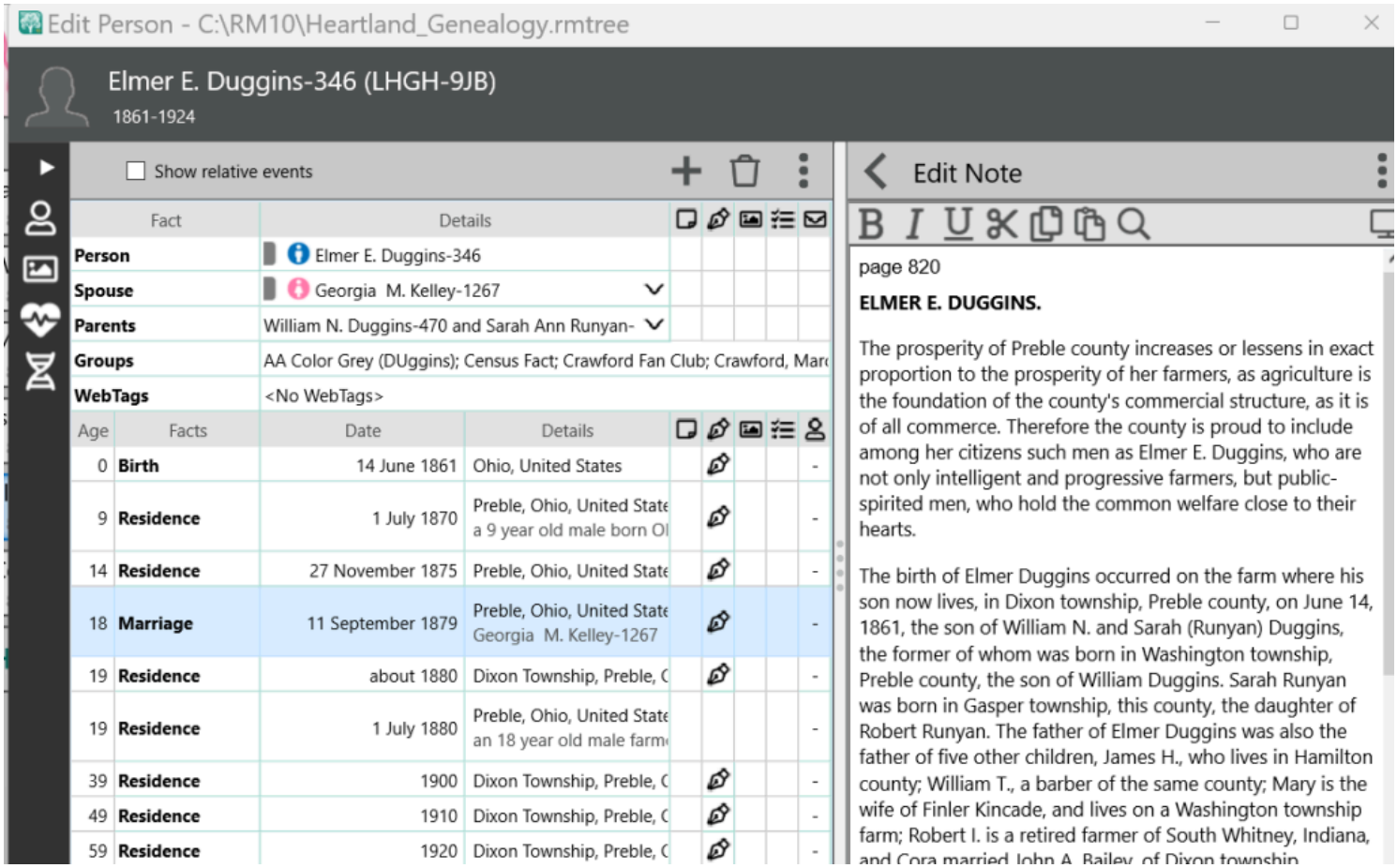
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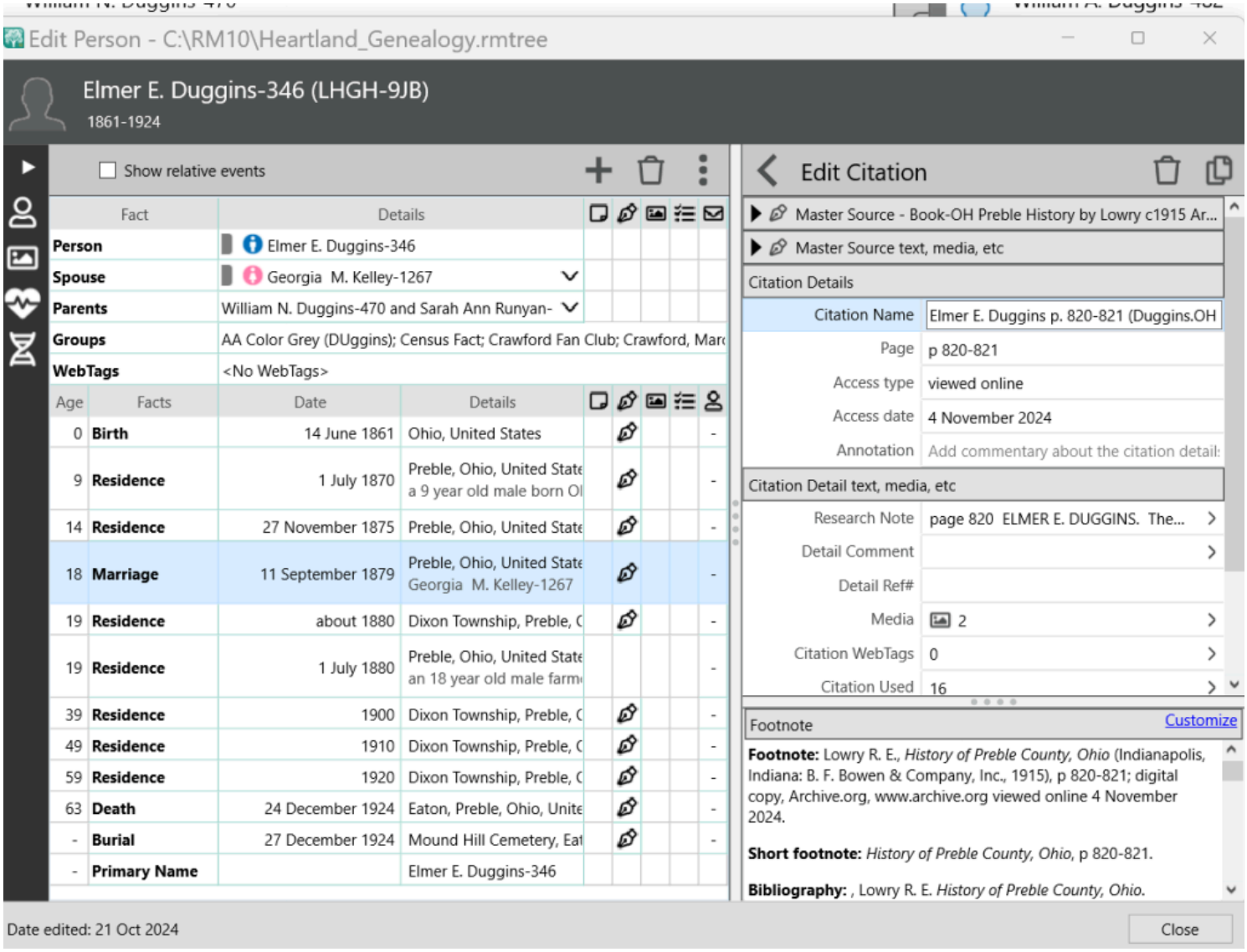
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To the union of Mr. Duggins and Georgie Kelley were born two children, Josie, who is the wife of Hilbert Oler, an agriculturist of Gasper township, and Victor E., who married Jennie Burkett and lives on a farm in Dixon township.
Mr. Duggins is a member of Lodge No. 143, Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are both members of the

Rathbone Sisters. Mr. Duggins is a Republican, though he is not a politician and has never sought office, preferring to give his whole attention to his work. He is intelligent, well-informed, and socially inclined. Always willing to oblige, Mr. Duggins has earned a well-merited popularity in the community in which he lives.
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# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 26, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II,WWII

## 1941

**U. S. Service News**
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Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 14 July 1941

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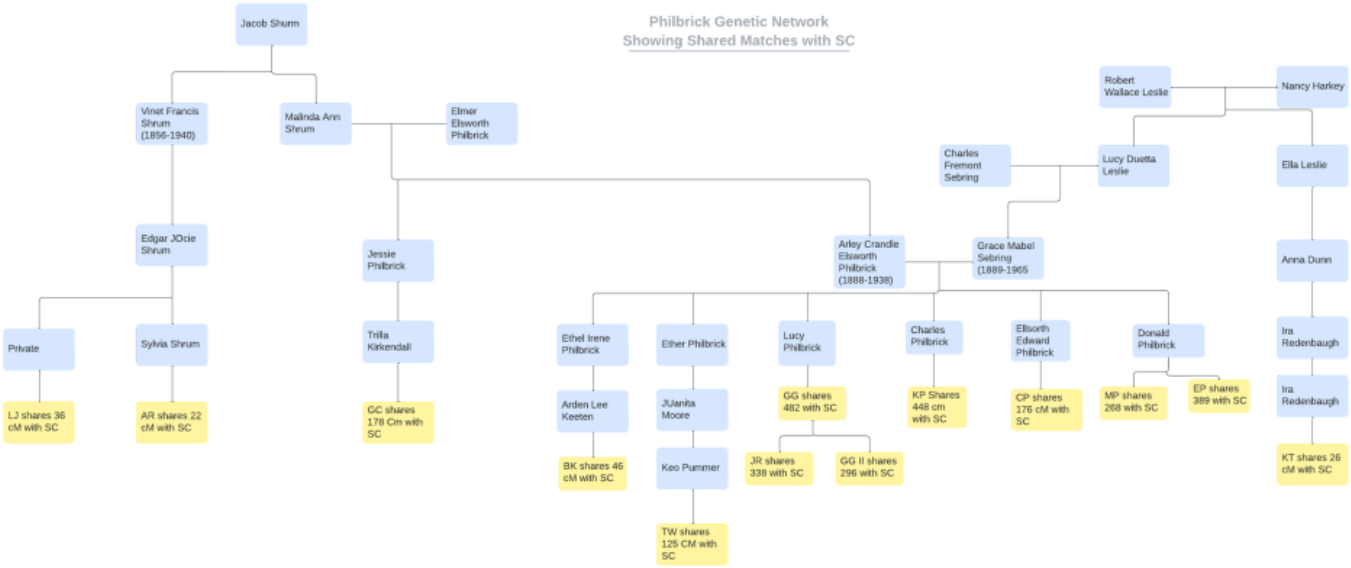
# Genetic Tree

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 27, 2024
DNA,Philbrick

Do you know all of your first and second cousins? How about their children—your once-removed cousins? I have to admit, I'm not great at keeping up with the younger generations. In contrast, my husband amazes me with how well he keeps track of everyone.

So, when a DNA match contacted him seeking help to figure out their relationship, it was both intriguing and surprising. This match, listed as a probable second cousin on Ancestry, shares 268 cM. Their shared match list includes my husband's brother and several of his first cousins.

Having recently participated in the *Shared Matches of Matches* course by YourDNA Guide, I decided to create a genetic network to explore the connection.




The genetic network confirmed our initial conclusion: the surprise match descends from Arley Philbrick and his wife, Grace Sebring. Among the matches, there are nine connections to other descendants of Arley and Grace. Additionally, there is a match to a descendant of Robert Leslie (Nancy Harkey) and matches to descendants of Jacob Shrum.

However, Arley and Grace had 13 children, making it a challenge to pinpoint exactly which child the mystery match descends from. Solving this puzzle will require more information.

# Happy Thanksgiving

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 28, 2024
Thanksgiving

Today is a day for family. For me, it is also a day for community.

For the past several years, I have spent the early morning of Thanksgiving helping to prepare a Community Thanksgiving in my small town of Seneca, Kansas. The early shift prepares the dressing, puts the turkey on to reheat, starts the corn and then begins packaging the pies and salads. While it is a very early morning, it is a great way to serve the community!

Later in the day, my husband and I will celebrate Thanksgiving with my brother and his family. Some of my previous posts highlight our family thanksgivings.

- Thanksgiving (2023)
- Tradition (2022)
- 2006 Thanksgiving Soccer Game (2021)

*Happy Thanksgiving greeting text with fall pumpkins, squash and leaves over dark wood table background*

# Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 29, 2024
Kansas,Mentzer,Woodson_County

## Marriage Record of Clarence Albert Mentzer

**MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD**
**State of Kansas**
**Woodson County**

**MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT.**
In the Probate Court in and for said County and State.

**Clarence Albert Mentzer**, hereby applies for a Marriage License addressed to any minister or magistrate authorized by law to unite in matrimony **Clarence Albert Mentzer** and **Grace Graham**, and being duly sworn, depose:

That said **Clarence Albert Mentzer** is **27 years of age**, and that said **Grace Graham** is **23 years**; that they have their parents' consent to said union and that neither has been divorced within six months last past.

That said contracting parties are not related to each other in any of the degrees prohibited by law, namely: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild in any degree, brother and sister of the whole or the half blood, uncle or niece, aunt or nephew, nor first cousins.

That neither of said parties is or has ever been epileptic, imbecile, feeble-minded, or insane; or, if either is or has been so afflicted, then that the woman is more than forty-five years of age.

And that neither party was born subsequent to the insanity of either of his or her parents, or if so, that the woman about to be married is more than forty-five years of age.

**Clarence Albert Mentzer** (signature)

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in Yates Center, in said County and State, this **6 day of May, A.D. 1913**.

(Seal) **W. B. Woodside**, Probate Judge.

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**STATE OF KANSAS,**
**County of Woodson, ss.**

Office of Probate Judge of said County.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the **6 day of May, A.D. 1913**, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

**MARRIAGE LICENSE** No.

Woodson County, State of Kansas, May 6, A.D. 1913.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage **Clarence Albert Mentzer** Yates Center Kans, aged **27 years**, and **Grace Graham** of **Yates Center** Kans, aged **23 years**,

consenting thereto, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

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And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to-wit, on the _____ day of _____ A.D 190__ returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

**STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF WOODSON, SS.**

I, **A Clergyman**, do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the **7 day of May, A.D. 1913**, at Yates Center, Kansas, in said County, consenting thereto join and unite in Marriage the within named **Clarence Albert Mentzer** and **Grace Graham**.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal this day and year above written.

**W. L. French**
Clergyman

Attest: **W. B. Woodside**, Probate Judge

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# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
November 30, 2024
Nemaha County

**Spanish American War**

*(Narrative account written by ChatGPT using article from 3 May 1917 Courier Democrat)*

During the Spanish-American War in 1898, Seneca, Kansas, and Nemaha County played an integral role in supporting the nation's call to arms. The fervor and patriotism exhibited by the town were unparalleled, as its citizens rallied to honor the brave volunteers enlisting to defend their country.

The town erupted into activity when the news of war broke. On a Thursday afternoon, the city came alive with the clamor of fire bells, church bells, steam whistles, and even cannon fire, marking the nation's declaration of war. The fire company, initially mistaking the uproar for a city fire, soon realized the commotion reflected the community's enthusiastic response to the war effort. Residents, filled with patriotic fervor, marched to the tune of martial music while the town adorned itself with flags and bunting. Speeches stirred the crowd, and many young men were eager to enlist.

On May 5, Seneca formally organized its volunteer company. City Marshal W. D. Sherman was unanimously elected captain. In a heartfelt speech, he expressed his gratitude and commitment to the company and the flag. Due to an incomplete roster, other officers were to be selected later in Topeka. The evening concluded with a grand supper at the G.A.R. Hall, hosted by the women of Seneca. Songs and camaraderie filled the night as the soldiers prepared for their departure.

The following morning, the young men, numbering 63 from Nemaha and Brown Counties, marched to the train depot. There, amidst emotional goodbyes, cheers, and cannon fire, they boarded their train for St. Joseph. This poignant scene captured the community's deep pride and solemn recognition of the sacrifices ahead.

The Seneca Company joined the 3rd Regiment Kansas Volunteer Infantry, later known as Co. K. Patriotic demonstrations greeted their journey to Washington, D.C., and later to Camp Alger in Virginia. However, the war's harsh realities soon struck. Captain Sherman, who had led the volunteers with honor, succumbed to typhoid fever at Camp Alger in August. His funeral, held in Seneca, drew nearly 3,000 mourners who paid their respects to their fallen leader.

As the war unfolded, Commodore Dewey's naval victory in Manila inspired renewed national pride. The Seneca volunteers' dedication and the community's unwavering support embodied the spirit of unity and patriotism that defined this chapter of American history. The legacy of their courage and sacrifice remains a testament to the town's enduring commitment to freedom and democracy.

From the Courier Democrat published 3 May 1917

**ECHOES OF OUR LAST WAR**

**A COMPANY HERE THEN.**

**THE PART SENECA AND NEMAHA COUNTY PLAYED DURING THE SPANISH-AMERICAN CONFLICT.**

Never before in the history of the
city has there been witnessed such an
excitement and dash of the populace
as on Thursday afternoon of last

week, when the news flashed over the wire that the tocsin of war had been sounded. The fire bell clamored, church and school bells jingled, steam whistles bellowed and cannon boomed, and grand, defiant pandemonium reigned supreme. The fire company was quick to respond to the alarm, not knowing that the signal signified that the American heart had been fired instead of the city. The firemen looked pale and excited because they imagined the whole town ablaze and they could feel the parching heat. It soon became known, however, that this tremendous applause was but the echo of Amens and hosannahs going up all over the country in approval of the nation's final demand and the calm but inflexible purpose of the people. Men and boys with measured tread, marched about to martial music that kindled the passions of a patriotic people. Speeches were made and the entire city was gorgeously decorated with flags and bunting. Everybody, it seemed, wanted to enlist that very minute. Had Gen. Weyler and his regiment of butchers appeared in this city just then, they would have been eaten alive.—The Courier-Democrat, issue of April 29, 1898.

From The Courier-Democrat of May, 5, 1898: About five o'clock Wednesday evening, the company was mustered in and they at once proceeded to the completion of the organization of the company by electing our city marshal W. D. Sherman captain. Captain Sherman stepped forward and in a few well selected remarks, thanked the company for the honor conferred upon him and declared his loyalty and devotion to the company and flag. As the full quota of men had not been secured to make the company complete lieutenants could not be selected. The company will be completed at Topeka, and then the balance of the officers will be selected.

After electing their Captain, the company fell in line and marched to the G. A. R. Hall, where the ladies of Seneca had prepared an excellent supper for the company. No company of welcome guests ever sat down to a more bountiful repast of delicious viands, and the boys showed their appreciation in such a practical way that evinced the fact they were good eaters as well as good fighters. Addresses, loaded to the guard with

true American patriotism were made by Maj. H. C. Lindsay, Dr. W. H. Wharton, and local ministers of the city.

The G. A. R. Hall was kept open all night for the accommodation of the young soldiers, who enjoyed themselves with songs and musical selections until train time. The ladies of the Seneca W. R. C. remained all night, and shortly before the company left for the depot (Thursday morning) served the company with a nice lunch and hot coffee. The company then marched to the depot where two coaches awaited them and at 3:30 a. m. left for St. Joseph. Their departure was an affecting scene. Tender goodbyes and regretful farewells, mother's tears and sister's kisses, mingled with deafening cheers and good wishes, amid the cannon's boom, was a scene in life's terrible drama that could not help but interpret the awful meaning of war.

Issue of May 6: 63 Seneca Recruits Go to the Front. Last Wednesday, May 4th in this city, 63 of the local sons of Nemaha and Brown counties were mustered into Uncle Sam's army. Major H. C. Lindsay of Topeka, of the First Kansas Regiment and Drs. W. H. Wharton of Yates Center and N. Hayes of this city, composed the recruiting board. The recruiting was slow, only six applicants from Brown county appeared before the Board. Those who were accepted include: Fred Murray, W. R. Jacobs, G. W. Swaney, C. E. Ryan of Perry, Oklahoma; C. E. Spickel;

**ECHOES OF OUR LAST WAR**
*(Continued from 1st Page)*

meir of Manhattan, Fred M. Fischer, Roy Martin, afterward a lieutenant; H. H. Hurlburt, Joseph Moss, W. J. Dalton, Geo. Toler, Louis Miller, afterward captain, Albert Nusbaum, J. T. Nusbaum, John F. Garber, George Jones, J. W. Richards of Bern, Clarence C. Locke, Fred H. Bauernfeind, L. H. Houseman, Arthur E. Ashton, G. T. Pierce, W. D. Huff of Bern, Frank Lee of Kelly, J. H. Assenmacher, John F. Herold, Bern; John W. Schlereth, Fred W. Cragg, E. P. Kohn, J. A. Blair, S. E. Hobbs, F. G. Reiberg, Willis J. Campbell, Frank Melcher, Bert Minor, John Pugh, W. F. Catheram.

It is reported from Madrid that the destination of the Spanish fleet which is said to have been at sea for some days, is unknown to anyone but the minister of marine. But it is added that news is expected before long at the Spanish capital of the bombardment of the American coast. — Issue April 29th.

The war Department at Washington is overlooking an important card. They should order enough Seneca whiskey to fill the canteen of every soldier before leaving for Cuba. Seneca whiskey has more fight per swallow than any internal lubricator ever placed before the public. We have this authority from a gentleman who has been playing star engagements at nearly all the bars in the country. — Issue May 6th

No less than 100 people were at the depot last Monday night when the eleven o'clock passenger train came in to get a paper and learn later particulars about Commodore Dewey's glorious victory at Manila in the Phillipine Islands. It was the first modern naval contest and the significant victory will cause America to sing Dewey's praises throughout all time.

The Seneca Company of volunteers leave Topeka today with their regiment for Washington D. C. where they have been called by the War Department. The Seneca Company will hereafter be known as Co. K, 3rd Regiment Kansas Volunteer Infantry. — May 20th.

Camp Leedy to Camp Alger. The 22nd Kansas Regiment is moved from Topeka to Falls Church, Virginia, amid patriotic demonstrations all along the line. The boys were almost buried with flags and flowers. — May 20th.

The saddest news that has reached this city in many a day was the telegram that announced that Capt. W. D. Sherman died at five o'clock Tuesday morning, August 9th. Capt. Sherman took sick at Camp Alger on Sunday, July 24 and on the Wednesday following he was removed to the general hospital at Fort Myer near Washington. The doctor having pronounced it a case of typhoid fever. The funeral of Capt Sherman was held at the county court house yard in Seneca, August 14th, under the

auspices of Nemaha Lodge 99 Knights of Pythias of this place. Nearly three-thousand people showed the last tribute of respect to the departed at the bier. The service was conducted by Rev. F. W. Emerson of the Christian church, assisted by the Rev. E. Combie Smith, Leon T. Jones and C. H. Bente.

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 1, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

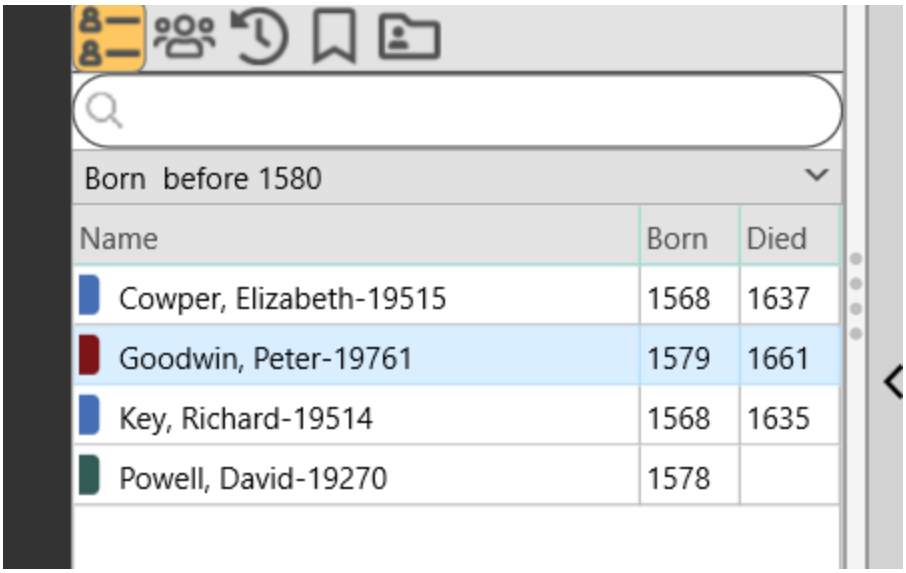
Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Today's challenge is to answer the question "Who Is the Earliest Ancestor In Your Maternal Family Tree?"

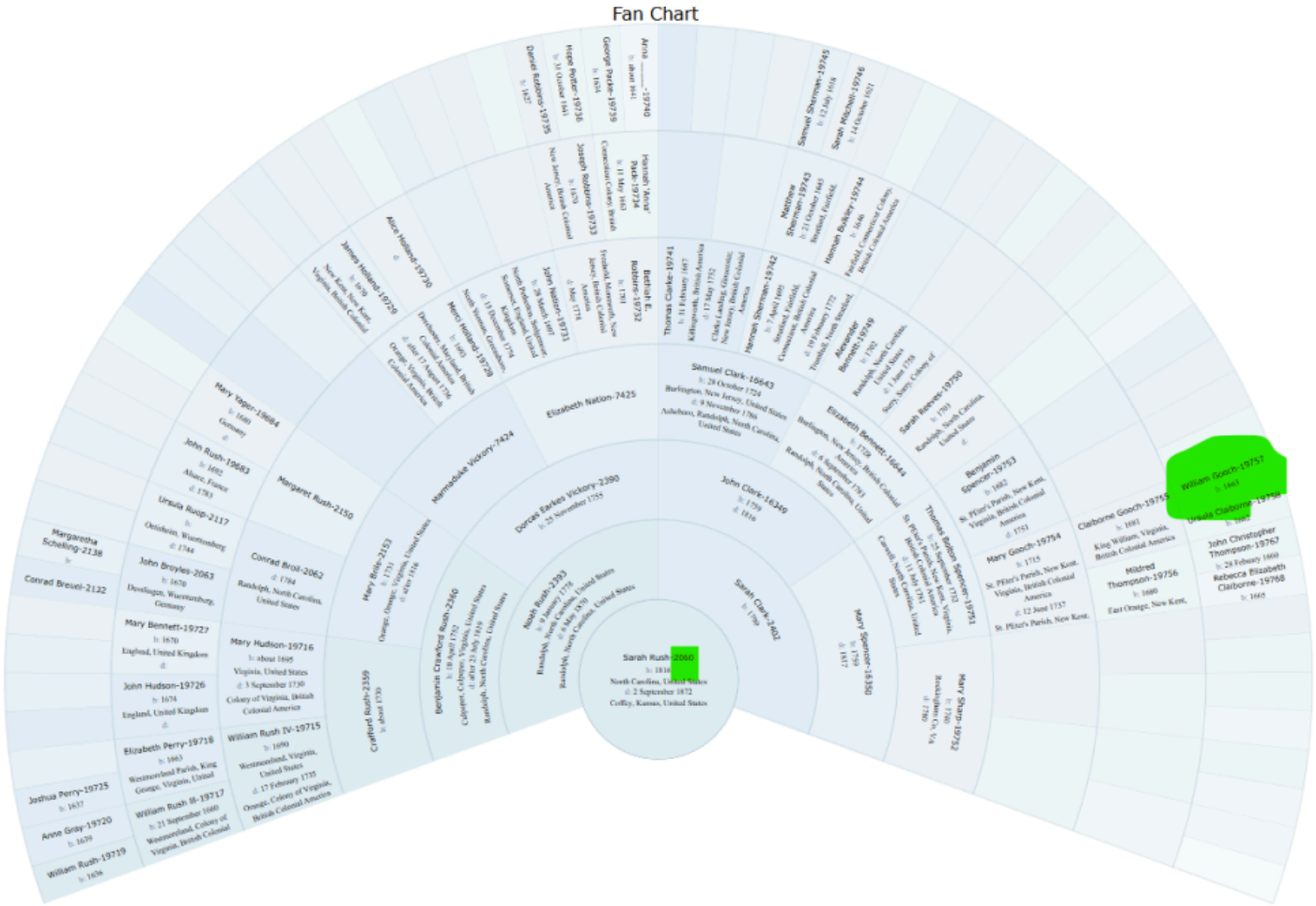
[thank you to Linda Stufflebean for suggesting this topic!]

Thanks Randy (and Linda) for this challenge!

When I figured out how to answer this question for my paternal side, I actually found the answer for both sides. My earliest known maternal ancestor is Peter Goodwin. He is an 11th great grandfather on my Briles line, which is a maternal line.




Below are FAN Charts from my RootsMagic file showing the ancestry of my 4th great grandmother, Sarah Rush.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Burlington, New Jersey, United States
d. 9 November 1766
Asheboro, Randolph, North Carolina, United States
Elizabeth Nation-7425
Hannadale Vickery-7424
Dorcas Eakes Vickery-2390
b. 25 November 1755
John Clark-16349
b. 1759
d. 1816
Sarah Clark-2402
b. 1790
Robert Rush-2393
b. January 1778
Randolph, North Carolina, United States
d. 4 May 1870
Randolph, North Carolina, United States
Mary Boyle-2253
b. 1751
Orange, Orange, Virginia, United States
d. 10 July 1816
Benjamin Crawford Rush-2360
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Culpeper, Culpeper, Virginia, United States
d. 14 July 1834
Randolph, North Carolina, United States
Crawford Rush-2359
b. about 1730
Margaret Rush-2150
Conrad Broil-2062
d. 1784
Randolph, North Carolina, United States
Mary Hudson-19716
b. about 1695
Virginia, United States
d. 5 September 1730
Colony of Virginia, British Colonial America
William Rush IV-19715
b. 1690
Westmoreland, Virginia, United States
d. 17 February 1735
Orange, Colony of Virginia, British Colonial America
Mary Yager-19684
b. 1680
Germany
d.
John Rush-19683
b. 1692
Alsace, France
d. 1783
Ursula Ruop-2117
b.
Ottisheim, Wurttemberg, Germany
d. 1744
John Broyles-2063
b. 1670
Denzlingen, Wurttemburg, Germany
Mary Bennett-19727
b. 1670
England, United Kingdom
d.
John Hudson-19726
b. 1674
England, United Kingdom
d.
Elizabeth Perry-19718
b. 1661
Westmoreland Parish, King George, Virginia, United
William Rush III-19717
b. 21 September 1660
Westmoreland, Colony of Virginia, British Colonial
Margaretha Schelling-2138
br.
Conrad Breuel-2132
br.
Joshua Perry-19725
b. 1637
Anne Gray-19720
b. 1639
William Rush-19719
b. 1636
Elizabeth Nation-7425
Mary Holland-19729
b. 1695
Dorchester, Maryland, British Colonial America
d. after 27 August 1756
Orange, Virginia, British Colonial America
James Holland-19730
b. 1670
New Kent, New Kent, Virginia, British Colonial
Alice Holland-19730
d.
John Nation-19731
b. 26 March 1697
Southampton, Virginia, United States
d. 13 December 1774
Knights
d. Abt 1774
Thomas Clarke-19741
b. 11 February 1697
Killingworth, Middlesex, Connecticut, British Colonial America
d. 17 May 1752
Clarke Landing, Gloucester, New Jersey, British Colonial America
Hannah 'Anne' Park-19734
b. 11 May 1663
Connecticut Colony, Britain
Joseph Robbins-19733
b. 1670
New Jersey, British Colonial America
Daniel Robbins-19735
b. 1627
Hope Potter-19736
b. 31 October 1641
George Parke-19739
b. 1624
Anne ____-19740
b. about 1641
Samuel Sherman-19745
b. 12 July 1616
Sarah Wolcott-19746
b. 14 October 1621
Matthew Sherman-19743
b. 21 October 1643
Hertford, Hertford,
Hannah Bunker-19744
b. 1646
Fairfield, Connecticut Colony, British Colonial America
Hannah Sherman-19742
b. 7 April 1681
Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut, British Colonial America
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Trumbull, North Stratford,
Alexander Bennett-19749
b. 1760
Randolph, North Carolina, United States
d. 1 June 1776
Surry, Surry, Colony of
Sarah Reeves-19750
b. 1769
Randolph, North Carolina, United State
d.
Elizabeth Bennett-19644
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Burlington, New Jersey, British Colonial America
d. 4 September 1781
Randolph, North Carolina, United States
Benjamin Spencer-19753
b. 1682
St. Pfarr's Parish, New Kent, Virginia, British Colonial America
d. 1751
Thomas Bolton Spencer-19751
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d. 11 July 1761
Cornish, North Carolina, United State
Mary Gooch-19754
b. 1715
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St. Pfarr's Parish, New Kent,
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d. 1737
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Rockingham Co, VA
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Mildred Thompson-19756
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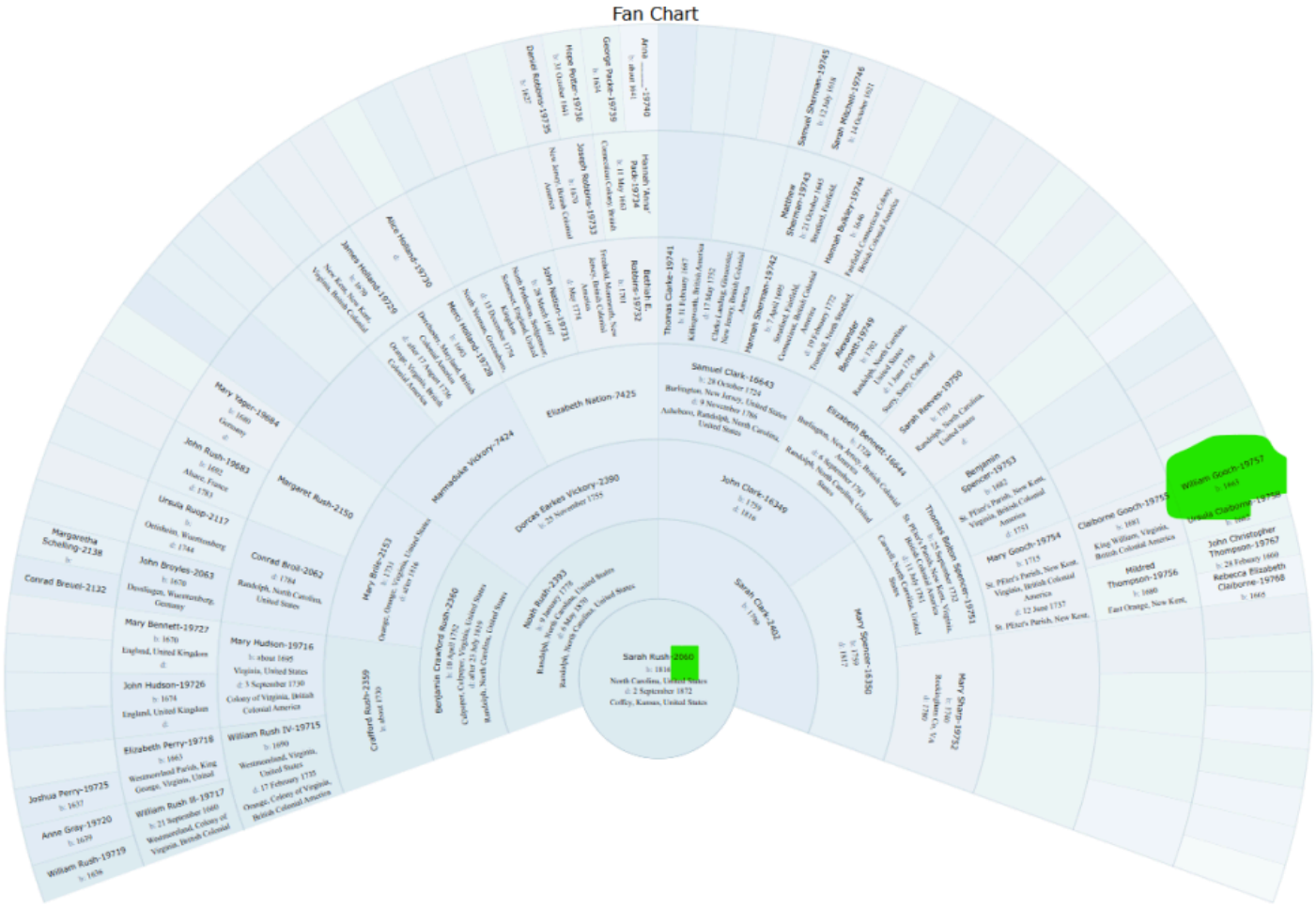
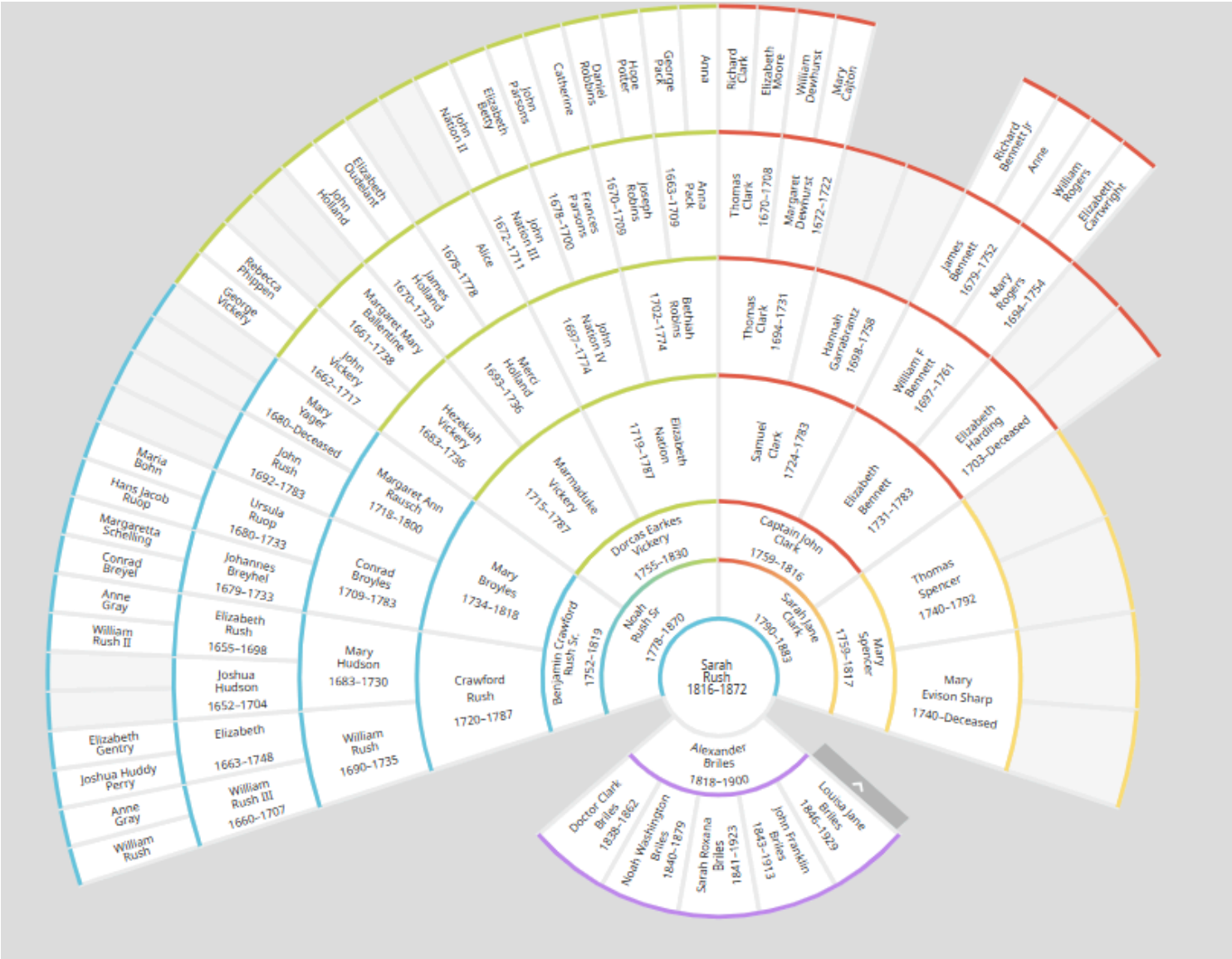
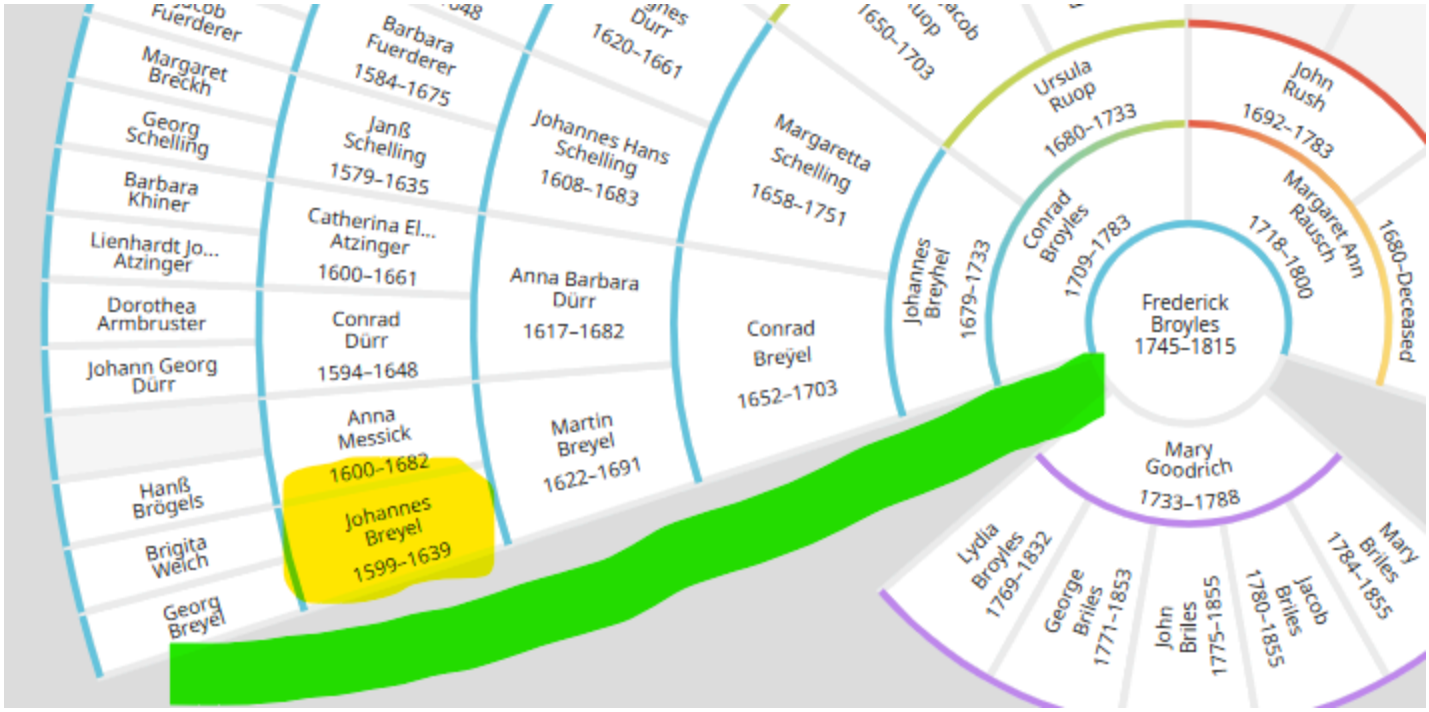
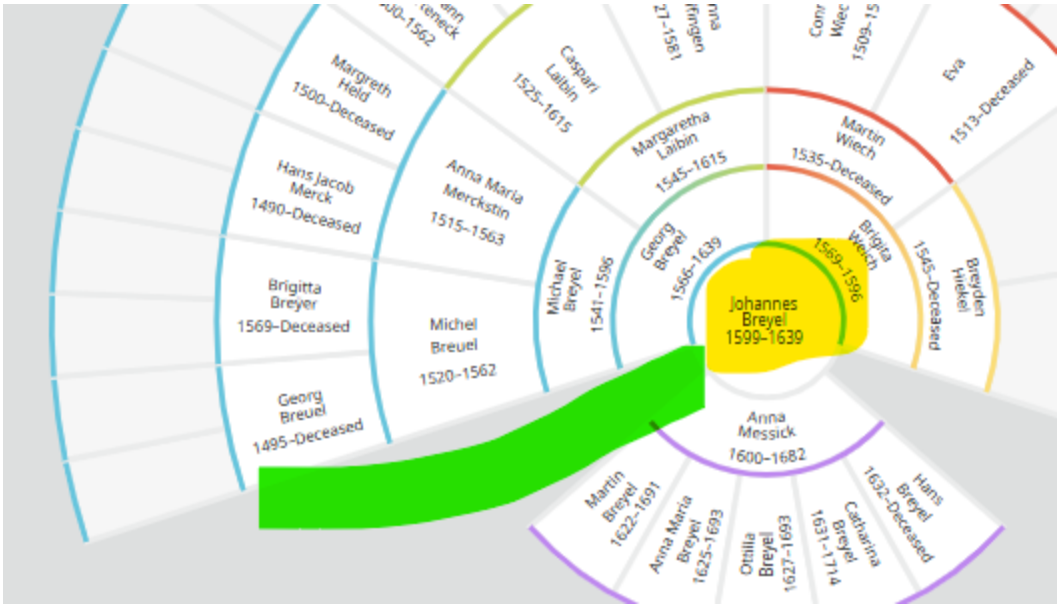



Unfortunately, I don't have this ancestry well documented. When I compared it to the FamilySearch tree, I discovered that the FamilySearch tree does not shows ancestors of Thomas Spencer. Thus, the FamilySearch tree does not show Peter Goodwin as an ancestor to me.




If I use the FamilySearch tree to try and find an earliest known maternal ancestor, I can go back to the 1490s on my Briles line.




Unfortunately, I have a lot of lines going back to colonial New England. Thus, it is likely that an ancestor on one of those lines may go back further than my Briles/Broyles/ Breuel line.

With that in mind, I have to truthfully answer with ‘I don’t know!’

# Richard Foster Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 2, 2024
Foster,Ross County, Ohio

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This Indenture , made this Twenty ninth day of January in the year of our
Lord, one Thousand eight hundred and thirteen Between John Graham
of the County of Henrico and State of Virginia by Walter Dun his agent & attorney
in fact , of the one part , and Richard Foster of the County of Ross and State of

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Ohio , of the other part . Whereas the said John Graham by letter of Attorney
under his hand and Seal duly executed , dated the Eleventh day of August
1808 did authorize the said Walter Dun in the name of him the said
John Graham to sell , and convey in fee simple , all his lands in the
State of Ohio , as will appear by the records of the County of Ross where
the said letter of attorney was recorded , on the fifth day of September in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight , Now This
Indenture Witnesseth , that the said John Graham by his
attorney aforesaid , for and in Consideration of the sum of Two hundred & Seventy
Six Dollars to him in hand paid , the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowl
edge, and forever acquit and discharge the said Richard Foster his heirs Executors
and administrators , hath granted , bargained , sold , released and confirmed
and by these presents doth grant Bargain sell release and Confirm unto
the said Richard Foster his heirs and assigns forever , all that tract or
parcel of Land lying & being in the County of Ross and State of Ohio
on Crooked Creek , and bounded and described as follows to wit , Begin
=ning at an ash , white Oak ( both down ) and pin oak , southeasterly corner
to the Original survey thence No 23 degrees W 210 poles to two beeches , thence S 70 degrees W 76
poles crossing the Creek to an elm and beach thence No 68 degrees W 3 6 poles to a
beach and sugar tree ; thence S 20 degrees E 233 poles , crossing the Creek three times
to a black oak , white oak , and hickory ; thence No 68 degrees E 114 poles to the Beginning
Containing one hundred and Thirty eight acres of land ( being part of the said
Grahams survey No2908 and 4705) , be the same more or less according to
the Boundaries aforesaid : which said Tract of land was entered and surveyed
for the said John Graham on parts of Military Warrents No 4706 and No
2938 as will appear by the books of the principal surveyor for the Virginia
Military lands of the Continental line . Together with all improvements
and appurtenances whatsoever , to the said premises belonging or in any wise
appertaining , and all the Estate , right , title , interest , claim & Demand
of him the said John Graham of , in , and to the same , To have and
To hold the land hereby conveyed , with all the premises , and every
part and parcel thereof , with every of the appurtenances , unto the said
Richard Foster his heirs and assigns forever . And the said John
Graham by his attorney aforesaid for himself and his heirs , all the premises
hereby bargained and sold with the appurtenances , to the said Richard Foster
and his heirs and assigns , against him the said John Graham and his heirs
and all and every other person or persons whomsoever , doth , and will warrant
and forever defend by these presents . In Testimony whereof the said John
Graham by his attorney aforesaid , hath hereunto set his hand and seal the
Day and year first in this Indenture written .
Signed Sealed and delivered ⎬
In presence of ⎭

John Graham be ℗
W Dun his attorney in fact

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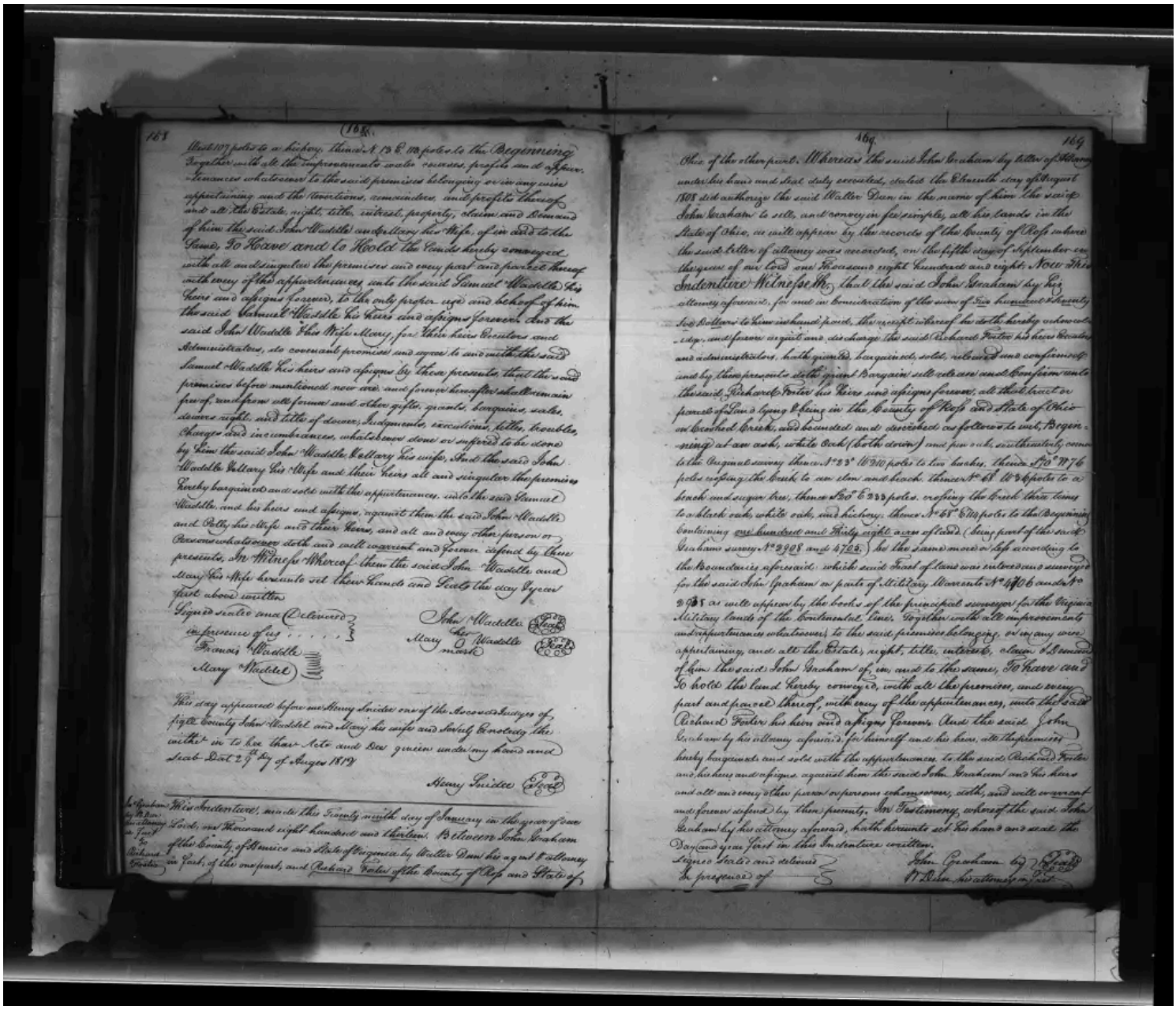
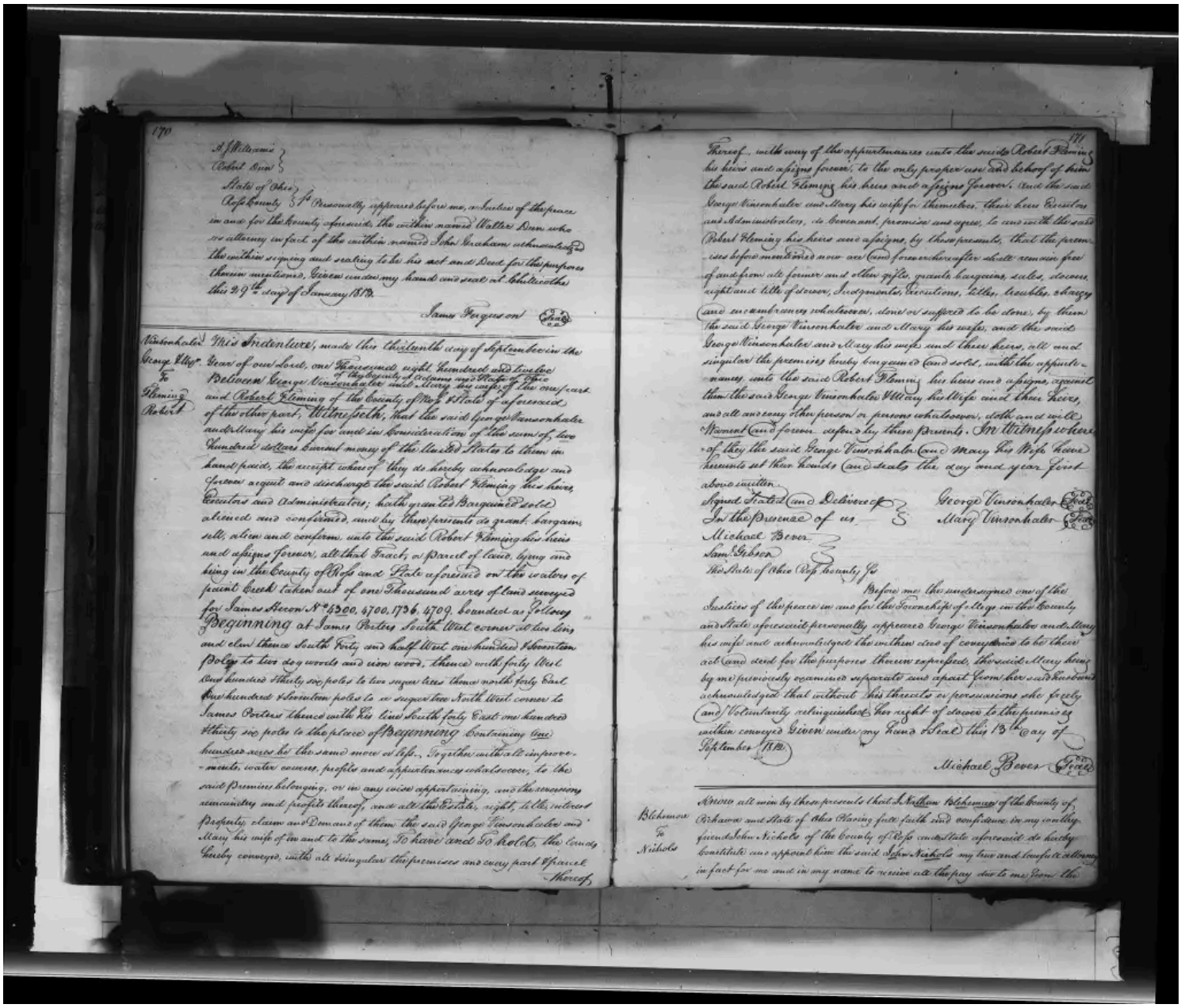
A. J . Williams
Robert Dun }
State of Ohio
Ross County } ss Personally appeared before me , a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid , the within named Walter Dun who as attorney in fact of the within named John Graham acknowledged the within signing and sealing to be his act and Deed for the purposes therein mentioned , Given under my hand and seal at Chillicothe this 29th day of January 1813 .
James Ferguson Ⓟ

Ohio, Ross. Deed and Lease Records, 1798-1925; general index, 1797-1937 and index to deeds and leases of the city of Chillicothe. Film #008193280. Richard Foster, 29 Jan 1813; Vol. 11: age 168-170; digitized images, FamilySearch http://www.familysearch.org : viewed online 16 November 2024.





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James Fergus on

Vinsonhaler
Geo. & Mary
To
Fleming
Robert

This Indenture, made this thirteenth day of September in the Year of our Lord, one Thousand eight Hundred and twelve Between George Vinsonhaler and Mary his wife of the County of Ross & State aforesaid of the one part and Robert Fleming of the County of Ross & State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said George Vinsonhaler and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of, two Hundred dollars Current money of the United States to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and forever acquit and discharge the said Robert Fleming his heirs, Executors and Administrators; hath granted Bargained sold aliened and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien and confirm, unto the said Robert Fleming his heirs and assigns forever, all that Tract, or Parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Ross and State aforesaid on the waters of paint Creek taken out of one Thousand acres of land surveyed for James Arron N°. 4300, 4700, 1736, 4709. bounded as Follows Beginning at James Porters South West corner at his line and elm thence South Forty and half West one hundred & twenty Poles to two dog woods and nine wood, thence with forty West one hundred & thirty six poles to two sugar trees thence north forty East two hundred & seventeen poles to a sugar tree North West corner to James Porters thence with his line South forty East one hundred & thirty six poles to the place of Beginning Containing one hundred acres be the same more or Less., Together with all & singular the improvements, water courses, profits and appurtenances whatsoever, to the said Premises belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion remainder and profits thereof, and all the Estate, right, title, interest property, claim and Demand of them the said George Vinsonhaler and Mary his wife of in and to the same, To have and To Hold, the Lands hereby conveyed, with all & singular the premises and every part & parcel thereof,

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Thereof, with every of the appurtenances unto the said Robert Fleming his heirs and assigns forever, to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Robert Fleming his heirs and assigns forever. And the said George Vinsonhaler and Mary his wife for themselves their heirs Executors and Administrators, do Covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Robert Fleming his heirs and assigns, by these presents, that the premises before mentioned now are and forever hereafter shall remain free of and from all former and other gifts, grants bargains, sales, dowers, right and title of dower, Incumbrances, Executions, Titles, troubles, & Encumbrances whatsoever, done or suffered to be done, by them the said George Vinsonhaler and Mary his wife, and the said George Vinsonhaler and Mary his wife and their heirs, all and singular the premises hereby bargained and sold, with the appurtenances, unto the said Robert Fleming his heirs and assigns, against them the said George Vinsonhaler & Mary his Wife and their heirs, and all and every other person or persons whatsoever, doth and will Warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness where of they the said George Vinsonhaler and Mary his Wife hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered } George Vinsonhaler (Seal)
In the Presence of us } Mary Vinsonhaler (Seal)
Michael Bever
Sam. Gibson

The State of Ohio Ross County ss

Before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace in and for the Township of Paint in the County and State aforesaid personally appeared George Vinsonhaler and Mary his wife and acknowledged the within Deed of conveyance to be their act and deed for the purposes therein expressed, the said Mary being by me previously examined separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged that without this threats or persuasions she freely and Voluntarily relinquished her right of dower to the premises within conveyed Given under my Hand & Seal this 13th day of September 1812.

Michael Bever (Seal)

Blakemore
To
Nichols

Know all men by these presents that I Nathan Blakemore of the County of Pickaway and State of Ohio Having full faith and confidence in my worthy friend John Nichols of the County of Ross and State aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint him the said John Nichols my true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name to receive all the pay due to me from the

# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 3, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II,WWII

## 1941

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*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 14 Jul 1941*

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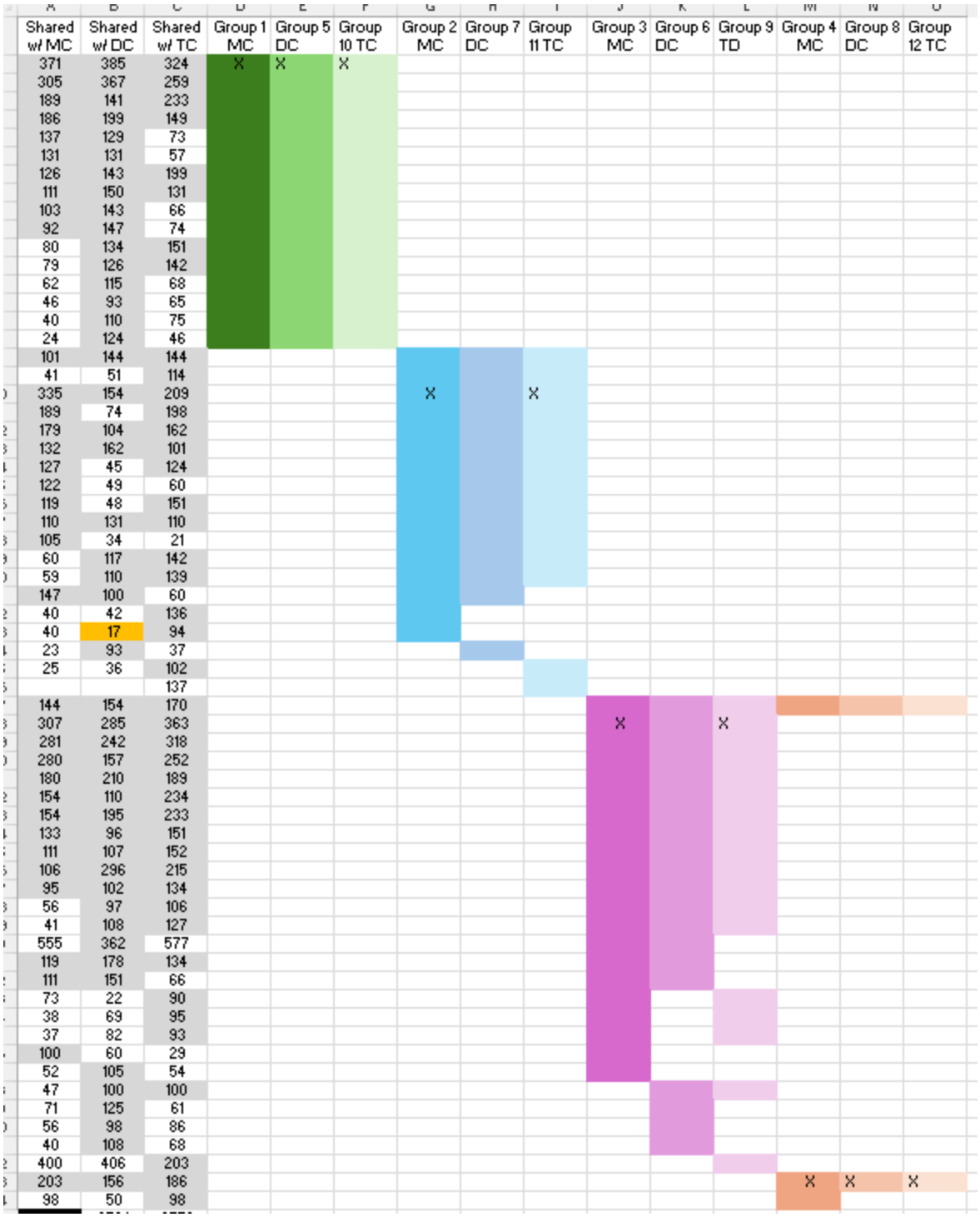
# Leeds Method Part 2

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 4, 2024
DNA

Do you manage multiple AncestryDNA tests? If so, have you tried using the Leeds Method to analyze your close matches and organize the results into a single spreadsheet? I hadn't considered this approach until working through the Leeds Method module in Your DNA Guide's *DNA Study Group* course.

Inspired by the course, I applied the Leeds Method to the DNA matches for both of my brothers. Once I had the results, I further arranged the data to group matches by ancestral lines.



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This process helped me identify a few additional cousins in my CURREY (blue) and MENTER (pink) lines. Interestingly, one match appeared in both my MENTZER and BRILES lines—a first cousin twice removed who shares both lines.

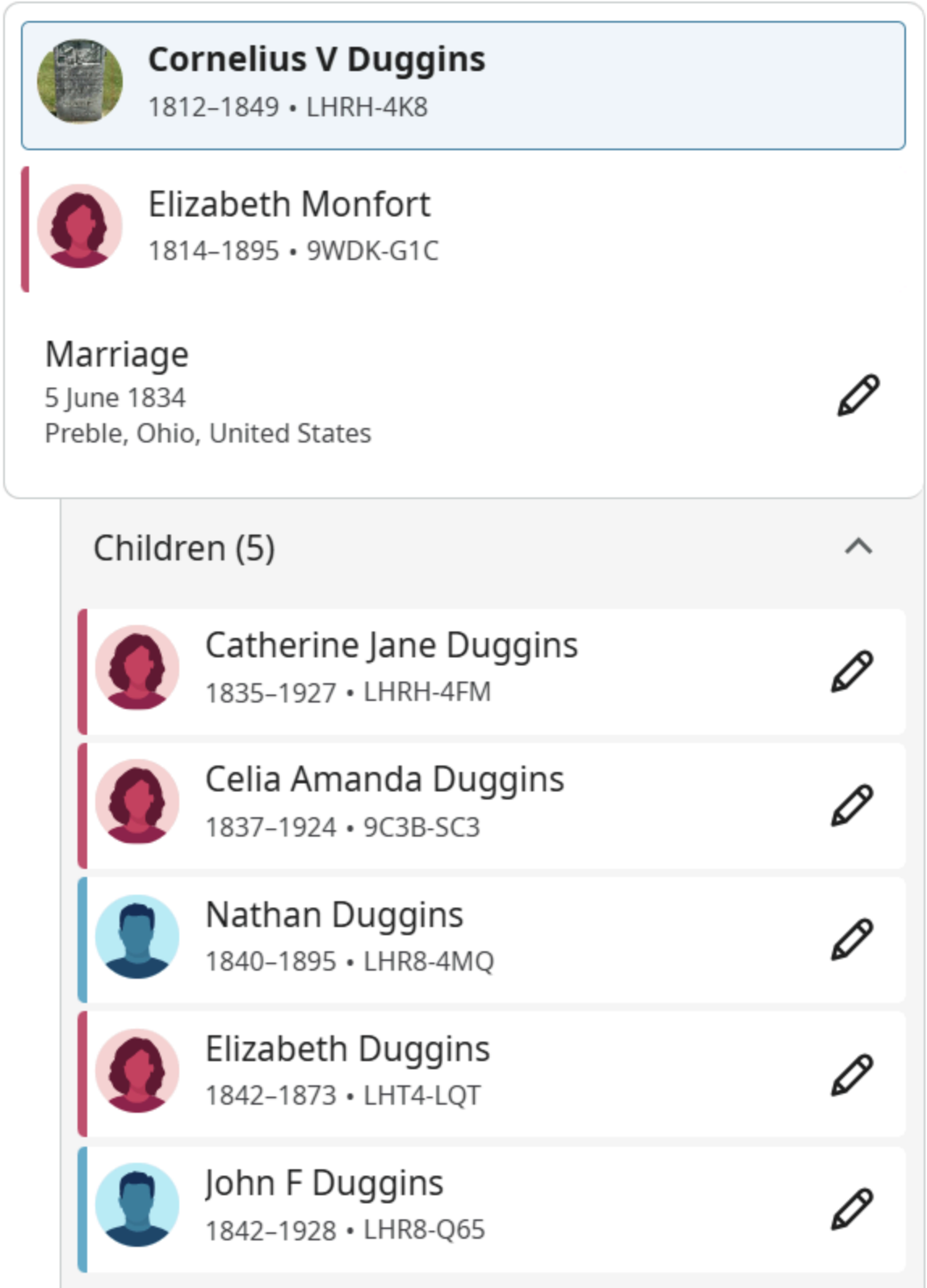
While I already knew my relationship to most of these cousins, I found that the Leeds Method wasn't as helpful in my case as using Shared Matches for deeper analysis.

# Two Elizabeths

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 5, 2024
Duggins,Ohio,Preble County

Do you use the FamilySearch tree? I often use it as a starting point, especially when doing descendancy research. Recently, I've been researching the descendants of my 4th great grandmother, Sarah Smith, thru her first husband, Alexander Duggins.

Sarah and Alexander had two sons: Henry (1788-1852) and William (1794-1872). Henry's oldest son, Cornelius (1812-1849) is believed to have had 5 children: Catherine (1835-1927), Celia (1837-1924), Nathan (1840-1895), Elizabeth (1842-1873) and John (1842-1928).



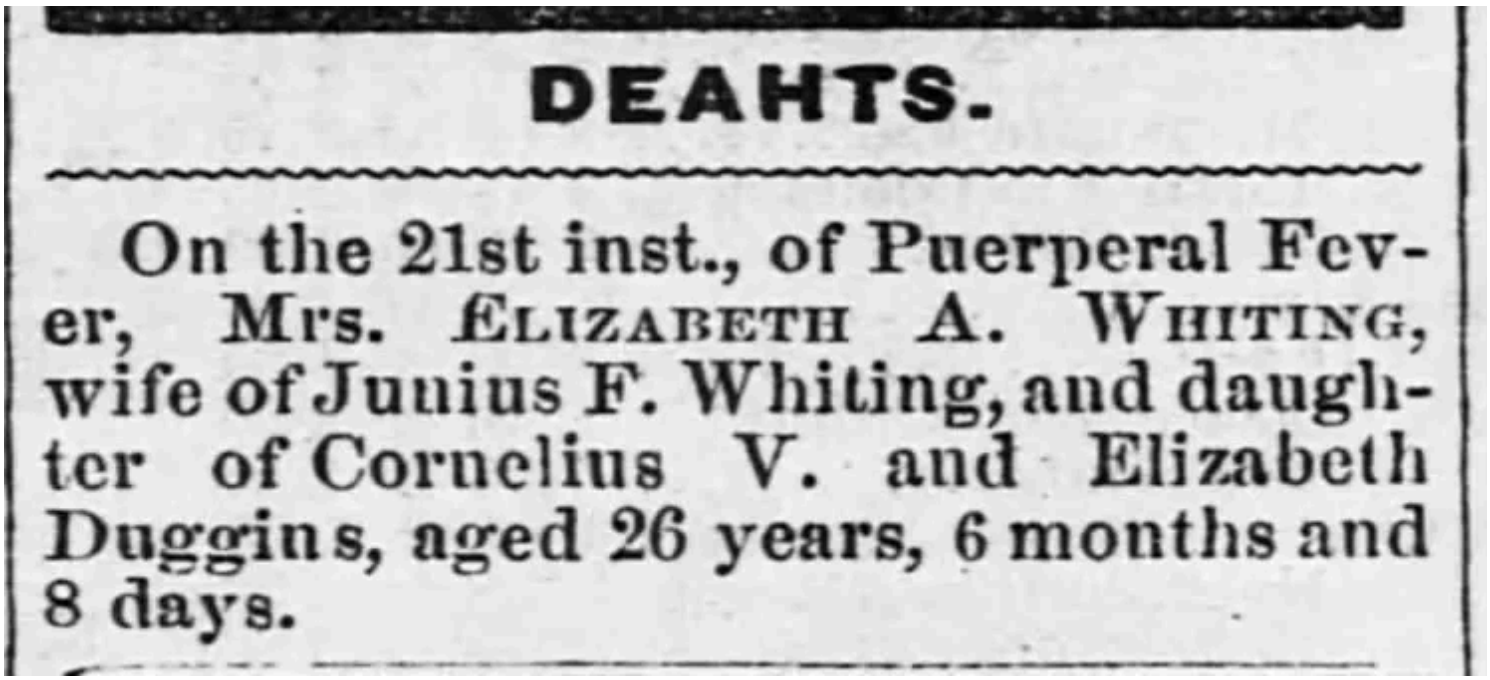

The book, History of Preble County Ohio, includes information about Cornelius' family in the entry for John F. Duggins:

> Cornelius Duggins was born on March 17, 1812, on the farm in Gasper township, two miles south of Eaton, where John F. lived so many years, and grew up there and married. Later he went to Newcastle, Indiana, where his death occurred on November 17, 1849. His widow survived him many years, her death not occurring until November 4, 1895. They were the parents of five children: Catherine, unmarried, who lives in Eaton; Celia, the widow of William Barnet, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio; Nathan, deceased, who was born in 1840; John F., with whom this narrative deals, and Elizabeth (deceased), who was born in 1842 and died in 1873.

With this information as a starting point, I have identified the following events in the life of Elizabeth Duggins.

- Born 13 May 1847 in Ohio [Find a Grave Memorial 39601426]
- Listed as a 3 year old female in the household of Elizabeth Duggins on the 1850 census in Newcastle, Henry County, Indiana
- Listed as 13 year old Lybbia Duggins on the 1860 census in the household of Elizabeth Duggins in Henry County, Indiana
- Listed as a 23 year old Elizabeth Duggins on the 1870 census in the household of Elizabeth Duggins in Preble County Ohio
- Married Junius Whiting in 1872 in Preble County Ohio
- Died 21 November 1873 in Preble County Ohio [Find a Grave Memorial 39601426]
- Buried in Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio

Elizabeth's Find a Grave entry includes a photo of her obituary found in the 27 November 1872 issue of the Eaton Democrat.



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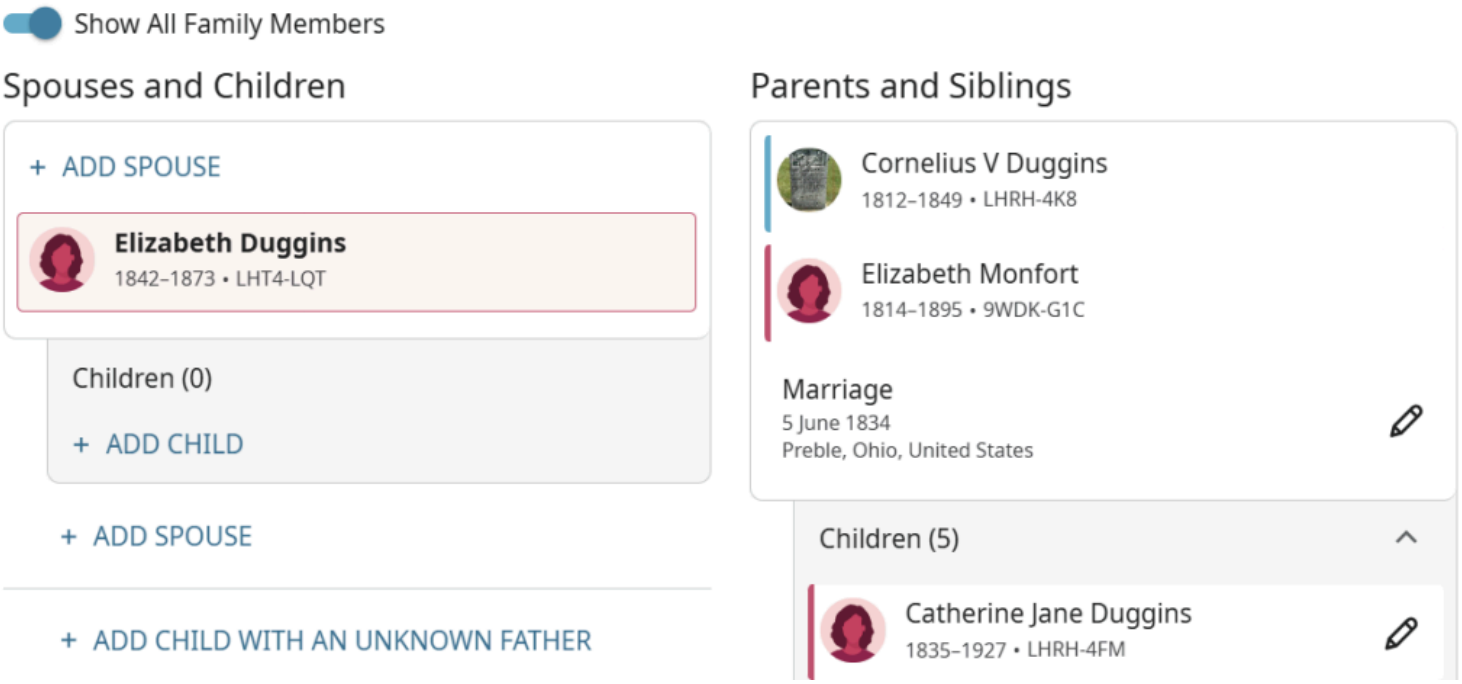
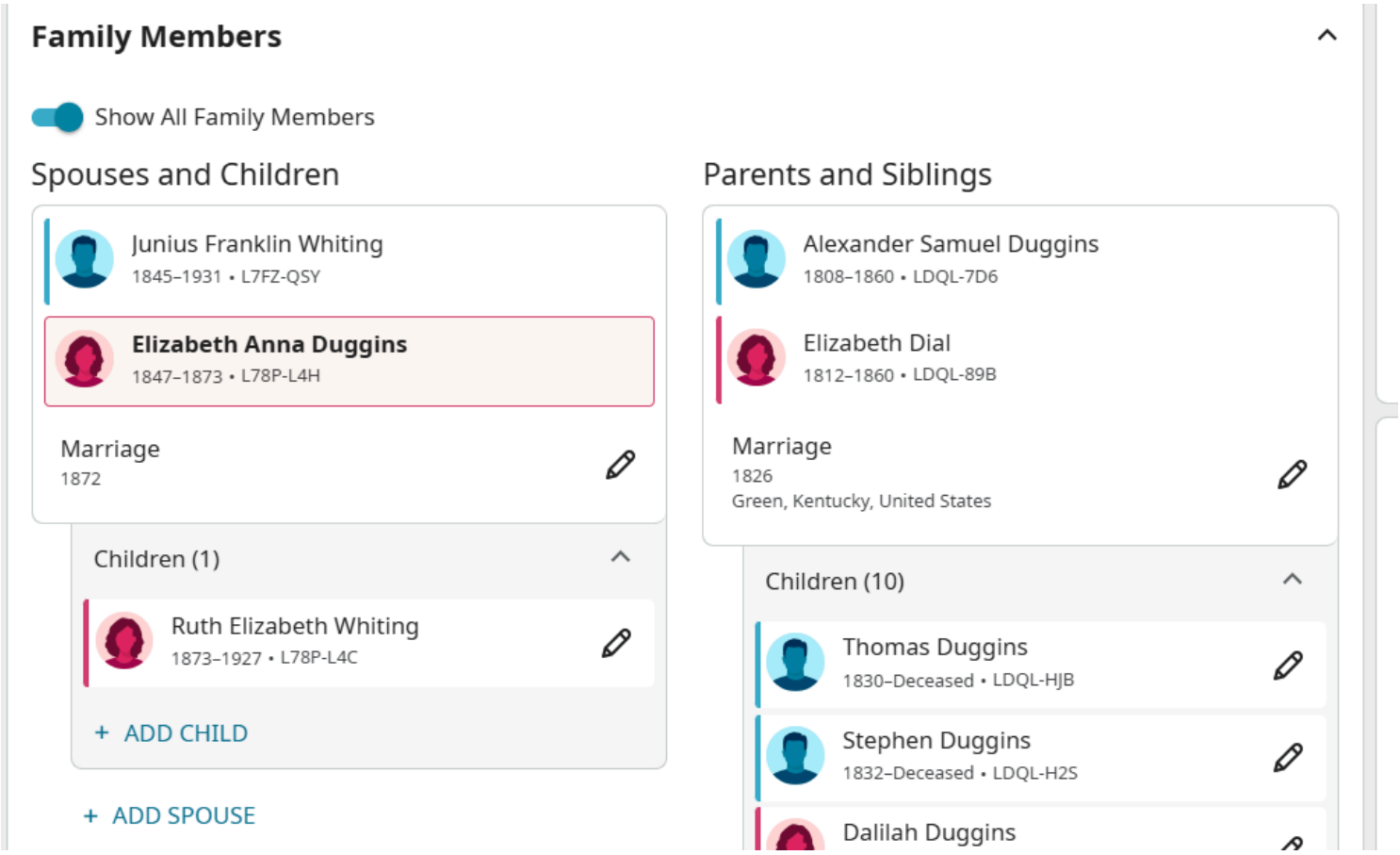
On the 21st inst., of Puerperal Fever, Mrs. ELIZABETH A. WHITING, wife of Junius F. Whiting, and daughter of Cornelius V. and Elizabeth Duggins, aged 26 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Unfortunately, the FamilySearch tree only has the 1850 census record attached to Elizabeth. Junius Whiting is not shown as her spouse.




A search of the FamilySearch tree found Junius Whiting attached to Elizabeth Anna Duggins, daughter of Alexander Samuel Duggins.




Alexander Duggins' daughter, Elizabeth, has nine sources attached.

- 1850 census record for Alexander Duggen with 2 year old Elisabeth A Duggen living in Marion County, Arkansas. According to this census record, Elisabeth Duggen was born in Arkansas.
- 1870 census record for Preble County, Ohio for a 23 year old Elizabeth Duggins born in Indiana living in household of Elizabeth Duggins

- Two sources for 1872 marriage to Junius Whiting in Preble County, Ohio
- Several Ohio birth and death sources
- Find a Grave record for memorial 39601426 in Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Ohio

The entries for Elizabeth's husband Junius and their daughter Ruth contain a lot of detail and sourcing placing them in Ohio and not Arkansas.

Based on the 1873 obituary for Elizabeth Duggins identifying her as the wife of Junius Whiting and daughter of Cornelius Duggins, I'm going to

- Attach my sourcing for Elizabeth Duggins to the LHT4-LQT profile (daughter of Cornelius)
- Remove the Ohio sourcing from the profile of Elizabeth Anna Duggins [L78P-L4H], daughter of Alexander Duggins
- Connect profile for Elizabeth Duggins [LHT4-LQT], daughter of Cornelius, as a wife to Junius Whiting
- Connect profile for Elizabeth Duggins [LHT4-LQT], daughter of Cornelius, as a mother to Ruth Whiting
- Remove Elizabeth Anna Duggins [L78P-L4H] as wife of Junius Whiting and mother to Ruth Whiting

Hopefully, others will accept this change.

# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 6, 2024
Nemaha County,World War I,WWI

As Reported in the 3 May 1917 Issue of the Courier Democrat

**WAR NEWS.**

Drew McLaughlin: I have been converted to the idea of compulsory military training by selective draft. For a time I thought volunteers should be called. The Company F. recruiting office is in The World building. I have noticed that the Hiawatha young men are not responding to the call for volunteers. Each seems willing to let the other do the patriotic duty. The large number of slackers right in Hiawatha convinced me that the only fair way to secure fighting men is by having universal service with selective draft. Then the service is equally distributed.

Seneca is the most patriotic town in Nemaha County. There is no question about that. The real test of patriotism is the number of young men who are willing to bear arms to defend their country's honor. It is no trick to stand around and wave a flag and tell what you think the government ought to do with the Kaiser. Any mut can do that. The real fellow is the one who hunts out a recruiting station and says "Uncle Sam, old boy, I'm with you."

Arthur Morse, day operator at the depot, is thinking of filing an application with the department as a wireless recruit.

Lon Britt of Atchison has enlisted in Co. F. National Guard at Hiawatha.

The active co-ordination of the medical resources of Kansas is being worked out by the Kansas branch of the Counsel of National Defense. Dr. George M. Gray of the Kansas side says 1,200 physicians in the state are available from the standpoint of army service. The committee has selected Dr. Hugh Wilkinson, a Kansas side surgeon, and Dr. J. R. Langworthy of Leavenworth, to examine all physicians in

the state who are ready to join the medical corps. The two physicians already hold commissions in the regular army medical reserve corps. Dr. Gray said the two examining physicians would visit all the larger counties in the state in the next few weeks. Eleven other physicians in Kansas beside the two above-named are officers in the reserve corps. This list includes Dr. W. S. Henschle of Corning, former health officer. The foregoing excerpts are from the Sunday Star. Dr. Wilkinson was in Seneca Sunday and Monday.

A branch of the Women's Division of the Navy League has recently been organized in Kansas City. The National Navy League with headquarters in Washington, D.C. is an association that wants to keep war out of the United States and believes that the surest way to do so is to maintain a navy so strong that no nation can get across the sea to attack us. It has no connection with any business or political organization. Former Seneca ladies are connected with two of these organizations. Mrs. O. H. Mack of Reno, Nevada, is state president of the Nevada branch and Miss Jennie M. Fisher of Kansas City is a member of the board of directors of the Kansas City Navy League. The Kansas City members pay dues of $1.00. The branch will provide a knitted suit consisting of a knitted sweater, scarf and wristlets for 500 sailors. Headquarters are maintained at the Y.W.C.A. building where teachers are employed to instruct in knitting.

John Crandall and Claude Rucker went to Manhattan Saturday and enlisted in the Coast Artillery. W. C. Alstrom, commercial instructor in the Seneca High School accompanied them but did not make application. The members of the Board of Education are unwilling to release him from his contract as there are but three more weeks of school. Burdette Nash enlisted in the Coast Artillery a few days previous.

Frank Winkler who is working in the oil fields at Augusta and John LeRoy of the Sperling jewelry store have enlisted in Battery B. at Lawrence. Both will stick to their jobs until they are called.

# Pearl Harbor

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 7, 2024
World War II,WWII

*Originally posted 7 Dec 2023*

December 7, 1941

Ships Sunk

- Sotoyoma – YT-9 – Harbor Tug Boat06
- Oglala – CM-4 – Minelayer
- West Virginia – BB48 – Battleship
- California -BB44 – Battleship
- Arizona – BB-39 – Battleship
- Oklahoma – BB-37 – Battleship
- Utah – AG-16 – Dreadnaught Battleship

*The Courier Tribune*
*11 Dec 1941*
*page 1*

**Home Boys in Sea War Zone**

**Many are Worried**

**Twenty or More Nemaha County Seamen are with Pacific Fleet**

Like every other county in the nation, the hearts of Nemaha mothers and fathers are troubled by lack of news of sons who are in the Pacific zone of hostilities. The Courier-Tribune yesterday had information of at least 20 who are on sea duty in the battle ares or on the west coast. The correct number may be nearer 30.
President Roosevelt explained in a radio address to the nation Tuesday night that battle information will be contingent upon two things. It will not be released until accuracy is checked. It will not be forthcoming if there is a possibility of giving aid and comfort to the enemy. It is clear that news in many cases will be long delayed.
Newspapers and radio are under a voluntary censorship. That is the reason why editors have deleted names of warcraft int he following article, with the exception of the Oklahoma and the West Virginia, said to have been destroyed or heavily damaged in Pearl Harbor.
Monday this paper printed a story from Goff that Billy Henry, formerly of that place, was aboard the Oklahoma. Today, our Bern correspondent reports that Galen Haffner, son of Alyce Haffner, was on the Oklahoma and that James Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon, was on the West Virginia.
As things stand now, it is estimated Nemaha county has approximately 285 men int he service. There are 78 men in the Navy, 61 in the Army; seven in the Marine COrps; two in Coast Guard, 72 in the National Guard and 65 in Selective Service.
Bennie Koelzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Koelzer of St. Benedict, is serving his second hitch in the Navy and is in his 5th year of duty. He is working as foreman in charge of diesel engine work at the Bremerton Washington Naval Station. He will likely be there till January.
Bennie Engelken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Engelken, Seneca, is a sailor based on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Recently Bennie and Gene Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Henry, had a week-end together in Honolulu. Gene is also a sailor in the zone of hostilities.
Frank Fangman, son of Mrs. Joe Kramer, is aboard a USS Aircraft carrier which is now in Hawaiian waters and it is certain he is a busy young man these days. His mother had a letter from him the other day, written on Thanksgiving.
Richard Heideman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heideman, and Leonard Koehler, son of Mr. and MRs. John Koehler, are in Frisco. Richard is a torpedoist. He just recently returned from South American waters. Leonard is in aviation. Both lads expected to be home on holiday leave but that's doubtful now.
Leander Haug, son of Mrs. Barney Haug, south of Baileyville, is aboard and American submarine last reported int he Philippine area. Leander is a son of the late Barney Haug, who drowned in the Vermillion early last summer. "Bud" Haug Leander's younger brother, was recently discharged from the Navy so that he could help his mother on the farm. He is now home.
Paul Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerber, Seneca, returned from Hawaii six weeks ago and is now doing repair work on the Naval Station base at San Diego. He had been stationed aboard an Aircraft carrier. He writes that he may be transferred to sea duty soon.
John Adam, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Adam, Seneca, has enlisted int eh Army Air Corps as a mechanic and probably is home when this goes to press. He enlisted at Kansas City.

Lieut. Francis Carter is now in service with the North Atlantic patrol. Until a year ago he had been in aviation seven years but eye trouble made it necessary for him to resign and take service with the fleet. Presumably he is now ranging the seas from Atlantic ports to Iceland.
Capt. Arlie Higgins, son of Mrs. W. H. Higgins, Seneca, is stationed in the Philippines, now under attack by bombing and invasion.
Maurice J. Hammes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Hammes, is either in Pearl Harbor or at sea on one of the fighting ships.

***By Centralia Corespondent***
When word first reached Centralia Sunday of teh treacherous attack by Japan upon Pearl Harbor and other Island possessions of the United States, the first thought that came to some as expressed by them was: “Isn’t it terrible? But then it doesn’t affect any in Centralia.”
We find, upon looking around that Centralia as well as every community in the United States was affected. Howard O’Conor, eldest son of Mrs. Bessie O’Conor, is stationed on a supply and repair ship at Pearl Harbor. Mrs. O’Conor is a widow and has one other son, Alvin, who has been selected to report in the selective draft for service in January.
Orville Edman, son of Mrs. Lenore Edman, another widow, is in the Heavy Artillery at Ft. Mills, 30 miles form Manila.
The last known of Harold Wiseman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wiseman, Axtell, was that he was stationed on a cruiser in Pearl Harbor. Centralia always has been his home. He graduated form C.H.S. and enlisted in the Navy from here. His parents have since moved to Axtell but are again returning to the Centralia community in the spring.
Another Centralia graduate in thee Navy from here is George Long, whose parents are now living at Goff. He was stationed in China and friends here think he is now in the Islands which have been attacked. This is not authentic.
Gerald Moore, son of Mrs. Ida Moore, Goff, nephew of the Misses Blanche, Anna and Lillie Dorman, and another graduate of C.H.S. is also stationed in Pearl Harbor. At last report he was on a destroyer.
We cannot all go to war but we can help our boys and our country by buying Defense stamps and bonds.

***By Bern Correspondent***
Parents, relatives and friends of Bern boys in the war are greatly concerned these days in regard to their safety. James Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon, was on the West Virginia; John and Benny Streit, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Streit, were on a battleship; Galen Haffner, son of Alyce Haffner, was on the Oklahoma; Alvin Gugelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gugelman, and Harry Bieri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bieri, Seneca were on Atlantic patrol; Ira and George Bieri, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bieri, are also in the war zone. Duane Simon is attending school in San Diego. Bob Baugh, who recently re-enlisted and is stationed on the Atlantic coast, was to come home soon on furlough. Paul Wittwer is also on the east coast.
John Milton Crandall, son of John Crandall and the late Ethel Hart Crandall, is believed to have been at Pearl Harbor; Kenneth Crandall, his brother, with the coast guard at Baltimore, was recalled from a visit at Goff.
Richard Becker, air corps, at Sheppard field, Texas, was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Becker, Seneca, and was called back to duty by wire.
Street report is that Cyril Wassenberg, employed at Honolulu, cabled relatives of safety of himself and wife.

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*The Sabetha Herald*
*10 Dec 1941*
*page 1*

**Many Local Men are in Naval War Zone**

Many young men of this area are in the Navy, some assigned to ships that have been int he thick of the Naval war zones that became active Sunday.
Melvin Grimm, son of Mrs. Nora Grimm, is attached to a ship that has been stationed at Pearl Harbor, so vigorously attacked Sunday at Honolulu.
George and Ira Bieri, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bieri, formerly of near Oneida now located at Lansing, Kas. are on the USS Detroit stationed at Pearl Harbor. these boys are nephews of Mrs. Henry Imthurn of Sabetha.
Lt. Horace Moulton is on the US Flagship Enterprise which has been based at Pearl Harbor. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moulton of Sabetha. The Moultons have had no word of their son.
Floyd Perkins, son of George Perkins, who works for Watson Bros. in Sabetha is with the Marines at Pearl Harbor.
Loyd Dirst, former Sabetha boy and nephew of Mrs. James Drolet of Sabetha, is with the Marines stationed at Midway Island, which has been reported captured by the Japanese. The report so far is unconfirmed but it is considered possible it is correct.
Yeoman Roy Pendergrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pendergrass of Sabetha, is on the US Aircraft Carrier Saratoga, based at Pearl Harbor.
George Fritch of Morrill, Former Sabetha Herald employee, has been assigned to the battleship Idaho on the east coast.
Landon Howery, son of Maurice Howery of MOrrill, is on the battleship West Virginia, reported sunk or disabled in the Pacific.
Milo Marion, son of A. A. Marion, of Morrill, has been on customs office duty in Honolulu.
Dale Fike, former Sabetha boy, is on the Chaumont, a Naval vessel, type not known here.
B. R. Shelhorn of Dawson is with the Marines.
Two nephews of Mrs. A. H. Engle of Sabetha, James and Duane Simon, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Simon, formerly of Bern, now of Belleville, are with the battleship West Virginia at Pearl Harbor.
Delbert Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Phillips and brother of Mrs. Joe Bockenstette of Sabetha is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Mrs. Emery Cox of Bern, correspondent for The Sabetha Herald in that community reports the following about boys in the Navy: from that vicinity:

The Nipponese attack int he Pacific has struck “close home,” to Bern and community residents. Parents, relatives, friends are anxiously waiting to hear from Bern boys in the war. James Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon is on the USS West Virginia, one of the ships reported sunk. John and Ben Streit sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Streit, are on the USS Tennessee right in the conflict. Galen Haffner, son of Alyce Havner on the USS Oklahoma; Alvin Gugelman, son of Mr. and Mrs Fred Gugelman, and Harry Bieri, younger son of Sheriff and Mrs Pete Bieri of Seneca are on the destroyer USS Hammon; Ira and George Bieri, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Bieri are also stationed in the war zone. Mrs J D Sheik’s nephew, Norman Dilworth in the army is stationed at Camp Ord, Calif, near one of the islands that has been attacked. Bob Baugh on the USS Beaver, stationed on the east coast, has just finished his time of enlistment and has “shipped over,” navy term for re-enlisted and ws to have been on his way home on Wednesday for a furlough when the war broke. Now he will likely be retained according to reports, Duane Simon, second son of Mr and Mrs Joe Simon is also in the Navy and is now going to school in San Diego. Paul Wittwer, elder son of Mr. and Mrs J S Wittwer is in the Navy and is now stationed along the Atlantic coast.

Business men of Bern displayed their patriotism by putting out flags Monday.

The Seneca Courier-Tribune reports the following on Navy men from Seneca and south Nemaha county. This is from the Monday paper.

George Ward of the Goff Advance in Seneca Monday, said that Billy Henery, Goff, son of Bill Henery now of Havensville, is listed locally as a soldier aboard the Oklahoma, attached by Japanese at Pearl Harbor Sunday.

There is no accurate count of local boys who are in Hawaiian or Pacific waters. Three civilians, Cyrl J. Wassenberg, Fred Koelzer and Andrew Herold, are employed at or near Honolulu. Others believed to be in the Pacific fleet include Benny Koelzer, Frank Fangman, Art Sisco, Dwight Rickman, Richard Heideman, Leander Haug. Goff also lists Tommy Reed, Walter Furst, Harley Johnson, Kenneth Crandall, Gerald Moore and Jack Meeker.

Wm. Power. northwest of Baileyville, is on the USS Pensacola, Pearl Harbor.

Larkin Rucker, grandson of Mrs. W. G. Rucker, Seneca is with a crew of painters on Midway Island, reported bombed.

*USS West Virginia burning (WIkimedia commons / public domain)*

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 8, 2024
Uncategorized

**Calling All Genea-Musings Fans:**

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

**Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.**

**1) Today's challenge is to share memories of December holiday gatherings and celebrations with your families (as a child, a young adult, a parent, a grandparent, a great-grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a nibling, a cousin, an in-law)!**

**2) Pick two or three questions from the list in my blog post: Ask AI: "What questions can I write about concerning family gatherings and celebrations during the December holidays?"**

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**Who traditionally hosted holiday celebrations in your family, and why?**

As a child, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were always celebrated at my grandparents house. While we never discussed 'why' we always went to my grandparents, I'm guessing it is because they had a table big enough to seat everyone. Thus, I never experienced the 'child's table.'

Christmas morning began at our house on 5th street in Dodge City. However, we were not allowed to open any presents until grandma and granddad arrived. Sometime after the present opening, we ventured to my grandparents house on second avenue for Christmas dinner.

**What dishes were a staple at your family's holiday celebrations? Who made them?**

As a child, the menu for Christmas dinner rarely changed.

- Turkey and dressing
- Scalloped Oysters
- Mashed potatoes and gravy
- Candied (fried) sweet potatoes
- Cranberry jelly
- Green Beans
- Relishes
- Rolls and butter
- Pecan, Pumpkin and Cherry Pie

**Were non-family members (e.g., friends, neighbors, or community members) invited to join your celebrations?**

Often times, my grandmother Crawford would ask her friend Mary Hoffman to join us. At times, one of the college students who rented a room from my grandparents would also join us.

**Did your family ever celebrate the holidays at a destination away from home?**

We spent a few Christmas vacations in Texas. My parents wintered in Hondo Texas after they retired. One Christmas, they flew the family to San Antonio for Christmas.

A few years later, we flew again to Texas. This time it was to spend Christmas together in cabins outside of Austin, Texas (where my niece lived).

**Was there a funny or memorable mishap during a holiday celebration?**

*Back: Dave, Terry, Mike, Matt — Front: Lauren, Sarah, Gene -05*

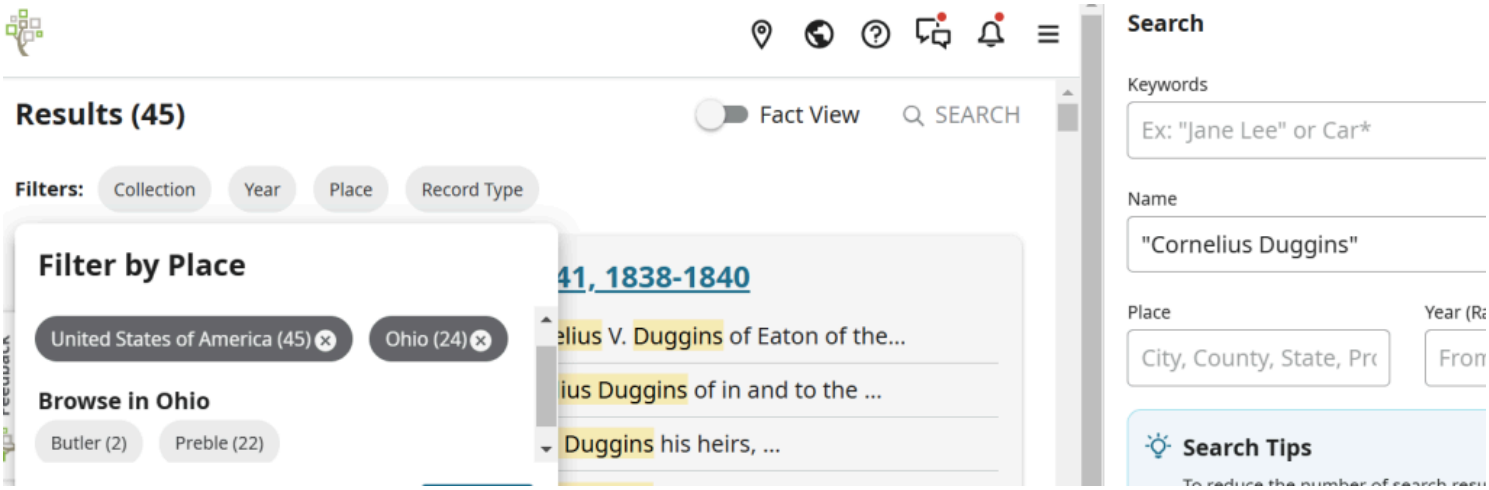
# Locked

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 9, 2024
Duggins,FamilySearch,Libraries

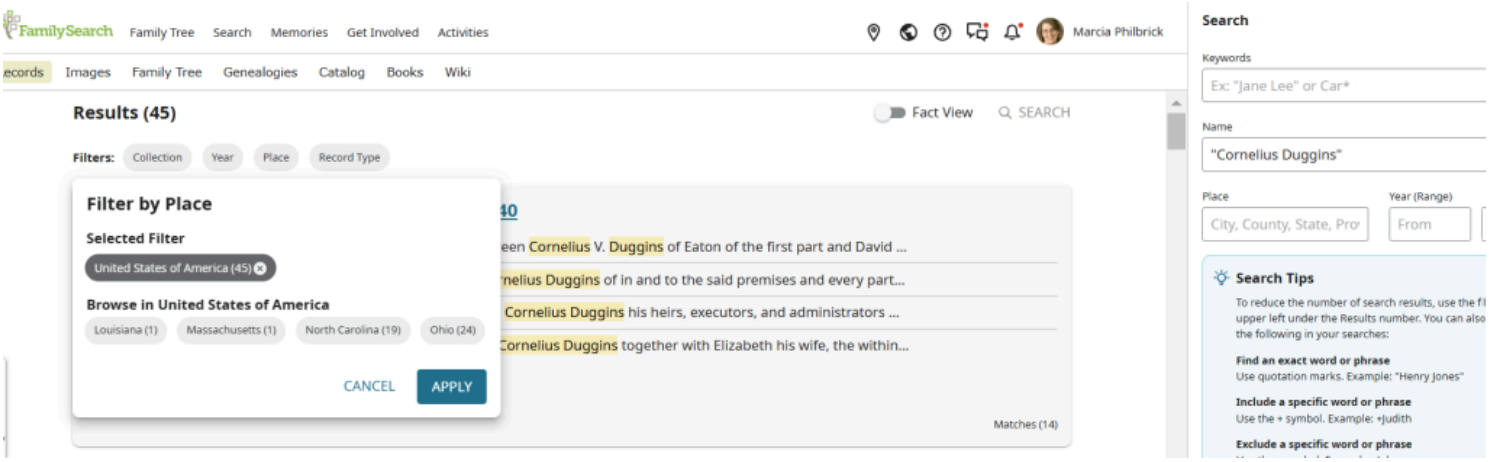
Do you use the FamilySearch experimental labs site to obtain county records? If so, do you remember (or even realize) that locked records don't show in the results.

I had to remind myself of that fact when searching for records for Cornelius Duggins, grandson of my ancestor, Sarah Smith Duggins Crawford. While Cornelius was born, married and buried in Preble County, Ohio, he died in Henry County, Indiana. Thus, I expected to find records for Cornelius in both Preble County, Ohio and Henry County, Indiana.

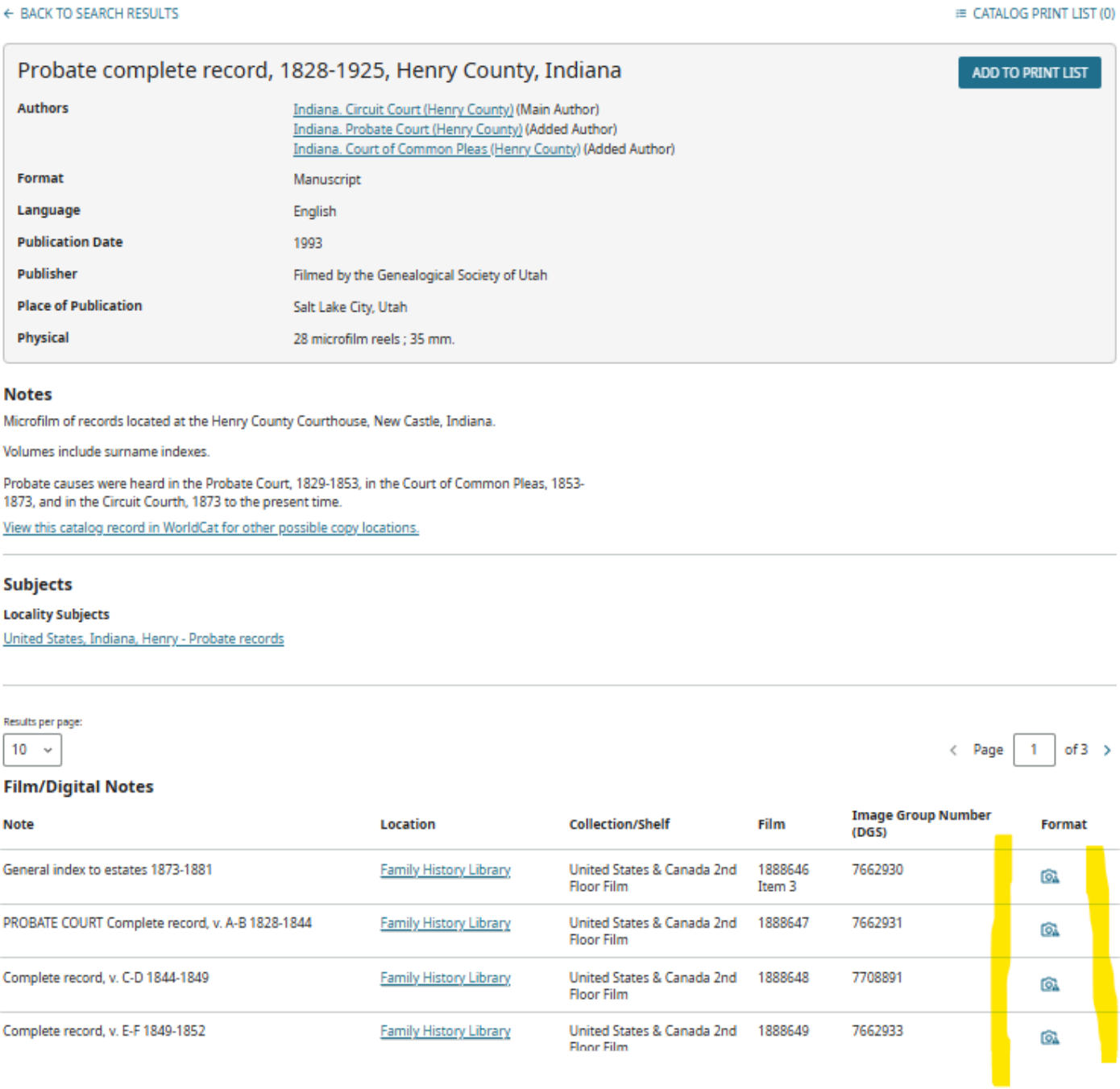
Using the experimental labs site, a search for Cornelius Duggins in Ohio yielded 22 Preble county records.




However, no records are listed for Indiana.




An investigation of the FamilySearch catalog for Henry County, Indiana reveals the records are locked. (Note: The icon has changed from the camera with the key above to a camera with a small lock in the lower right corner.)



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## Probate complete record, 1828-1925, Henry County, Indiana

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### Notes

Microfilm of records located at the Henry County Courthouse, New Castle, Indiana.

Volumes include surname indexes.

Probate causes were heard in the Probate Court, 1829-1853, in the Court of Common Pleas, 1853-1873, and in the Circuit Courth, 1873 to the present time.

View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations.

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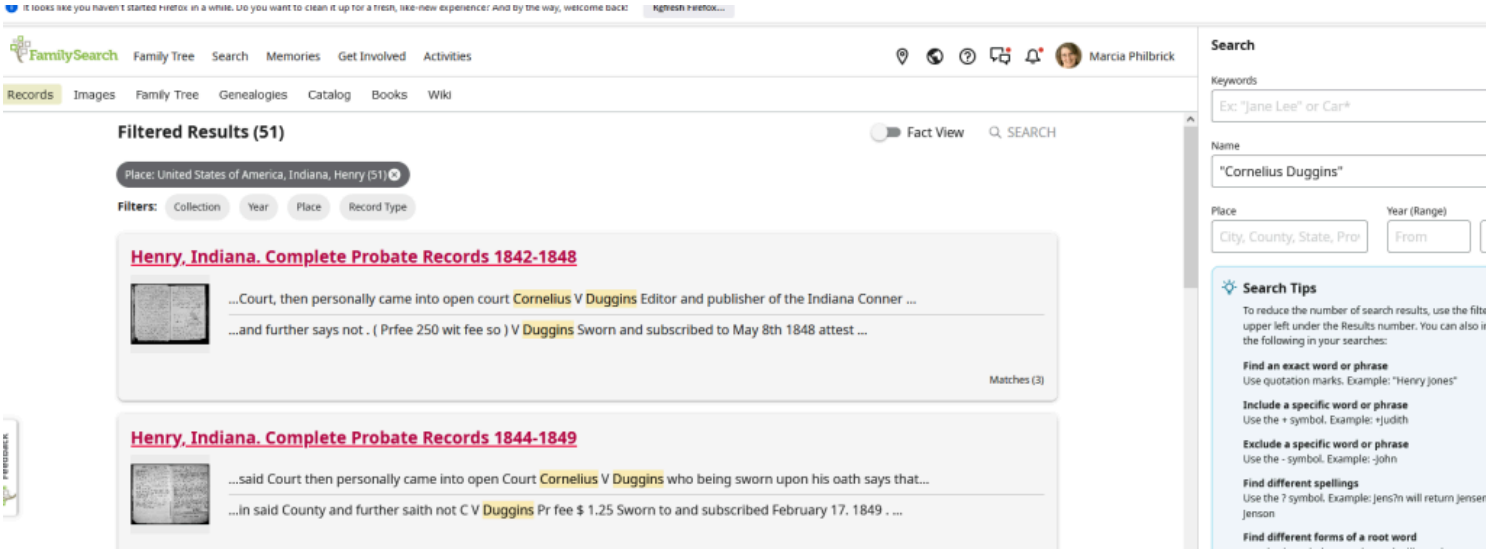
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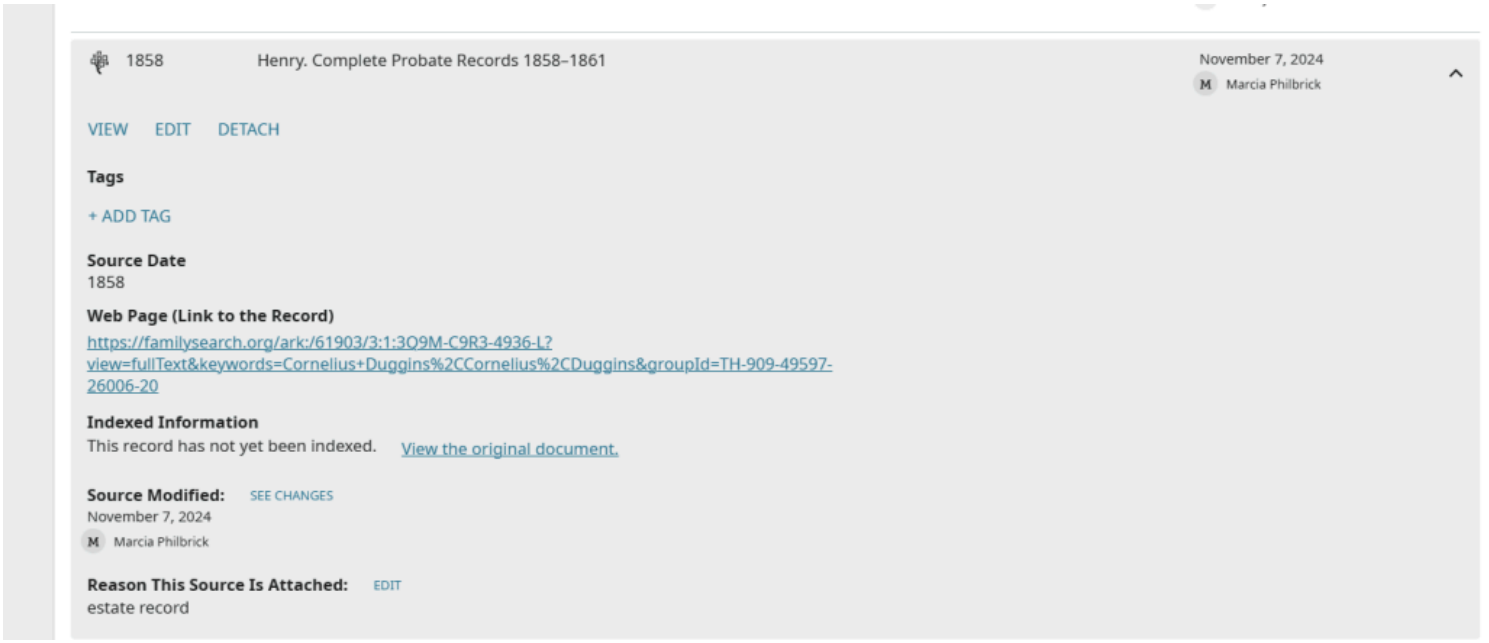


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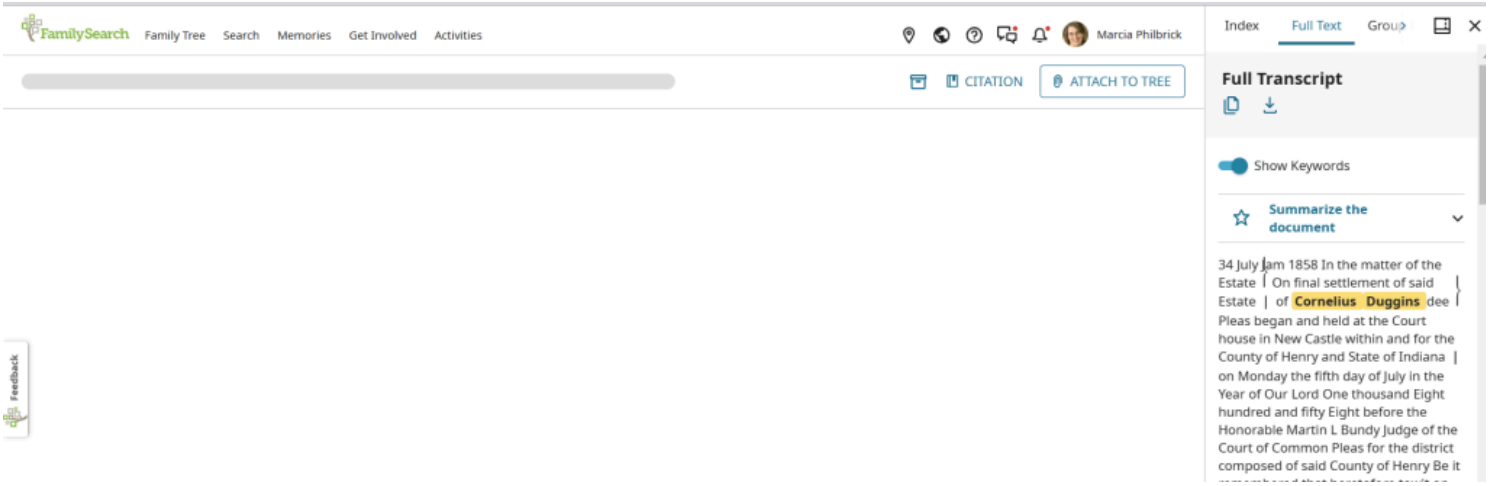
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Feedback

While at the library, I downloaded both the image and the pdf of the transcription. Thus, I have 51 documents to work thru.

- Proofread the transcription to make sure it is accurate
- Create an event in my RootsMagic file for the record and add the record as the source.
- Upload the sources I did not attach to Cornelius' profile
- Upload the images of the records to Cornelius' memory page
- Attach the images from the memory page to the respective source

While I have a lot of work to process these images, I am very thankful that the Seneca Free Library agreed to become an affiliate library.

# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 10, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II,WWII

## 1941

**Goff Has Defense Industry In Egg Packing Plant**
[Goff Advance]
Goff and this rural community seem far removed from the maelstrom of death, suffering and bitter hatreds of war-torn Europe, yet that conflict and the need for sustenance of the allied forces of Democracy directly affect the lives of many people here. Since early May, the Goff Poultry and Egg Co. has been operating its egg breaking, canning, and freezing departments to full capacity, and present indications are that the demand will last right through the year.
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# Mystery Match

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 11, 2024
Crawford,DNA

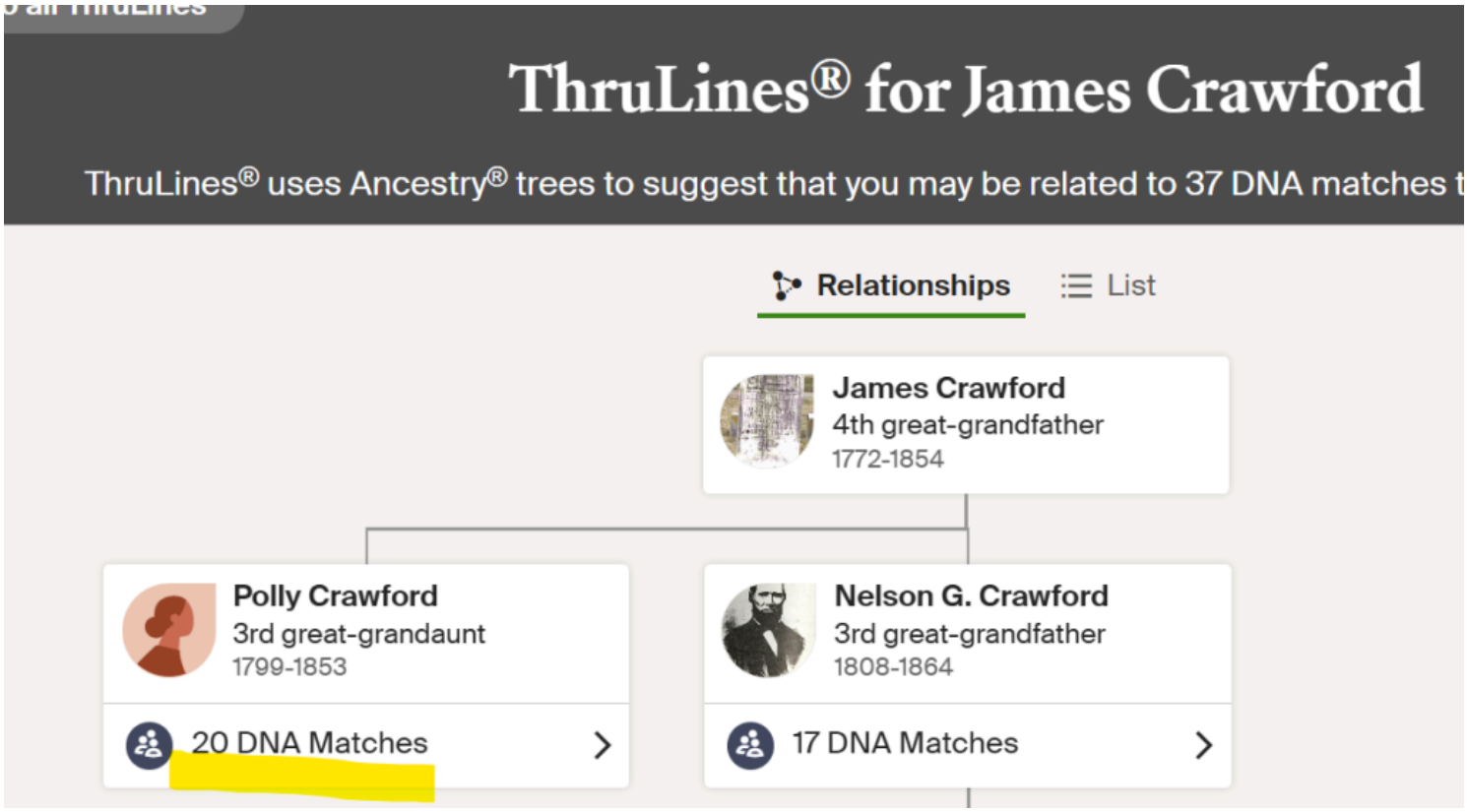
Do you have mystery DNA matches? Many of us have matches we can't yet connect to our family tree. But what about a match whose ancestor is already in your records, yet you still can't figure out how you're related?

That's exactly my situation with a match whose paternal line traces back to William Nelson Crawford. I've had William Nelson in my records for some time, as he descends from one of the "other" James Crawford lines—specifically, James Crawford and Martha (Knight) Crawford.

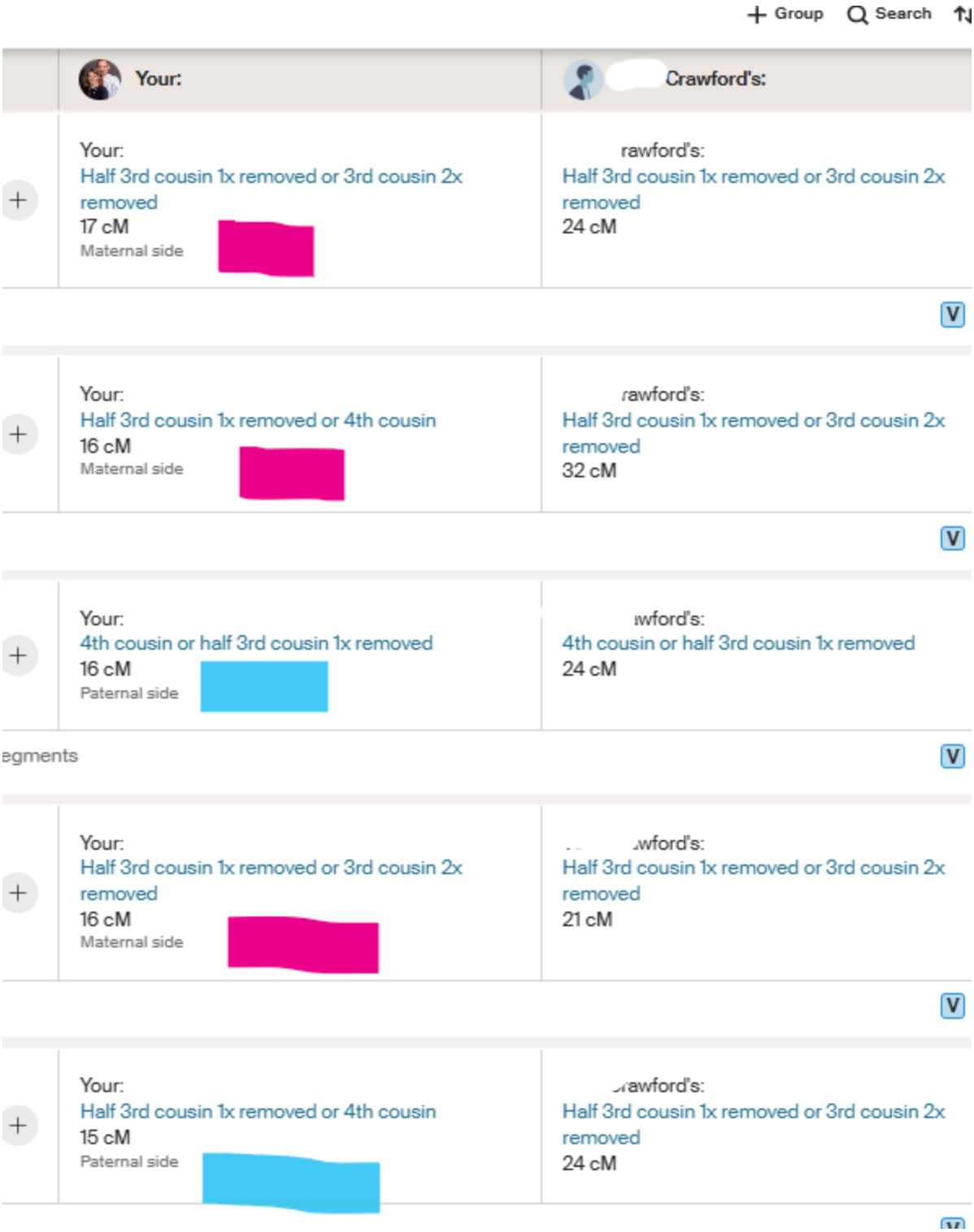
Interestingly, this match has taken a BigY test, which confirmed their relationship to another descendant of James and Martha. However, BigY places my Crawford line in a slightly different group. I've explored these BigY findings in detail in several previous blog posts:

- yDNA Mystery
- yDNA R1b-01A
- Cladogram

Since I share DNA with this descendant of William Nelson Crawford on Ancestry, I'm working to uncover how we're connected. While I'd like to claim James Crawford (1770–1833) as my ancestor, the evidence suggests otherwise. I have numerous ThruLines matches pointing to James Crawford (1772–1854) of Preble County, Ohio, as the more likely Crawford ancestor.




Determining my connection to this mystery match becomes even more challenging when our shared matches seem to align with both the paternal and maternal sides of my family tree.




Reviewing these shared matches, my notes suggest two possible ways I might connect to this mystery match:

- **Reed Line (maternal):** Through John Reed and his wife, Mary Buckles.
- **Crawford Line (paternal):** Via the Sellers connection—William Sellers and his wife, Sarah Crawford.

To dig deeper, my next steps will be:

1. **Apply DNA dots** to the best-known matches on my Reed line for visual organization.
2. **Conduct genealogical research**:
    - Explore the descendants of William and Sarah Sellers to determine why Sellers descendants appear as shared matches.
    - Investigate the descendants of John Reed's father, John Reed, to uncover a potential Reed connection to my match.

By following these steps, I hope to clarify the relationship pathways and resolve this mystery.

# Foster Partition

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 12, 2024
Foster,Ohio,Ross County, Ohio

Have you ever found a document that identifies children along with several of the grandchildren? That's what I found in a court record where Jeremiah Foster sues for partition of the estate of George Johnston on behalf of his children. This partition identifies the following family members:

George Johnston – wife Nancy

- Mary Johnston, wife of Jonathan Dresbach
- Jesse Johnston
- Elizabeth Johnston, wife of Jeremiah B. Foster
- James Johnston
- William Johnston
- Ephraim Johnston
- Wilson Johnston
- Joseph Johnston
- Rachel Johnston Jeffries and Elias Jeffries – names her son Hiram A Jeffries
- George Johnston – grandson

Jeremiah B. Foster children

- Richard Foster
- George J. Foster
- Ruema Foster
- Henry Foster
- Wesley Foster
- Hester Ann Foster
- Josiah J Foster

This lengthy document is found in Ross County Ohio court records.

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> March Term AD 1852
> Richard Foster
> et al &
> vs
> James Davis Senr
> et al
> Pleas held at the Court House in the City
> of Chillicothe , for the County of Ross and
> State of Ohio , before the Honorable James
> L Bates Judge of the Court of Common
> Pleas for said County , on Tuesday March 16th
> Sixteenth , in the year of our Lord one thou
> sand eight hundred and fifty two .
> Be it Remembered that on the 24th day of October A.D. 1851 Richard Fos
> ter et al & by their attorney filed in the clerks office of said Court their
> certain petition , which reads in the words and figures following , to wit :
> " To the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ross and State of Ohio ,
> Your Petitioners Richard Foster , George J. Foster Ruema Foster ,
> Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann Foster and Josiah J. Foster ,
> all of the County of Warren and State of Indiana by their guardian
> Jeremiah B. Foster , respectfully represents that on or about the
> day of _ A.D. one George Johnston , of the said County of
> Ross and State of Ohio , died seized and possessed of an estate in fee
> Simple in fee simple , in the following land and tenements situate
> in said County of Ross and State of Ohio and bounded and described
> as follows , to wit ; First a certain tract or parcel of land situate in
> said County of Ross and bounded and described as follows : Begin

ning at a stake on the West bank of the Scioto River from which a
Sycamore 36 inches in diameter bears N 58 degrees E 28 links , and another Syc
amore 34 inches in diameter bears S. 44 degrees W. 127 links being the upper cor
ner on the river of Survey No 488 – thence North 54 ° 13 ‘ West 932 poles
to three white oaks and a hickory on a ridge , thence South 33 ° West 46
poles to a hickory , a small oak and a dead oak , thence South 46 degrees 6’ East
965 poles to a stake on the Scioto River near a large Sycamore and a black
Walnut Stump ; thence up the river with its meanders and bounding there
on North 36 ° East 59 3/4 poles , North 32 degrees East 75 poles , North 18 East 50 poles
to the beginning containing Seven hundred and thirty one and

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one half acres be the same more or less , and being part of said survey No. 488 .
Also one other tract situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described
as follows , to wit ; Beginning at a Stake on the bank of the Scioto River from
which two elms marked as a corner bear S. 44 degrees E. 2 poles , upper corner on the
river to a lot of land set off to Thomas Johnston in certain proceedings by
partition had in Ross Common Pleas among the heirs of John Johnston deceas
ed ; thence with the lines of said Thomas Johnston ‘s lot North 44 degrees West 531 poles
to a stake on a high bank , thence North 44 ° East , 8 poles to a stake on a high
bank aforesaid corner to said lot – thence North 43 ° W. 453 poles crossing a
branch at 71 poles , a road at 110 poles , a large branch at 190 poles , and one at
310 poles to a white oak and small black oak corner to said lot ; thence
North 33 degrees East 15 poles to a small white oak and hickory lower back corner
to George Johnston ‘s land ; thence with his line South 46 ° East 62 poles to a
large Sycamore on the bank of the river lower corner on the river to John
Ston ‘s said land ; thence down the river S 28 ° West 63 poles to the beginning .
containing Two hundred & forty seven acres , more or less and being the same
tract of land sold and conveyed by Nancy Chenowith to said George Johnston
by deed dated the 8th day of October A.D. 1838
Also one other tract of land situate in said County of Ross and bounded
and described as follows , to wit ; Beginning at a stake on the bank of
the Scioto River upper corner , thence to the lot set off to Jemima John
ston , and from which a burr oak bears S. 38 degrees W. 2 1/2 poles and a Mulberry bears
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a brick dwelling house bears S. 75 ° E. 6 poles and eight feet corner to said
bot ; thence North 44 ° East 5 1/3 poles to a stake corner to said lot ; thence North
39 degrees 30 ‘ West 433 poles , crossing a branch at 81 poles , a road at 110 poles , a large
branch at 208 poles and one at 312 poles to two hickories and a white oaks
thence North 30 ° West 20 poles to three white oaks , two of them dead ) and a
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thence North 33 degrees East 12 poles to a white oak and small black oak , thence
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260 poles , a road at 340 poles and a branch at 380 poles to a stake on a high
bank above the bottom land ; thence South 44 ° West 8 poles to a stake on said
bank – thence S. 44 ° East 531 poles to a stake on the bank of the river from
which two elms marked as corners bear S. 44 degrees East 2 poles ; thence down
said river South 28 ° West 12 poles , thence South 31 ° West 38 poles : thence South
44 ° West 10 poles to the beginning containing Two Hundred and thirty six
acres more or less and being the same tract of land sold and conveyed
by Thomas Johnston and wife to the said George Johnston by deed dated
the 14th day of September A.D. 1841 . and which said three tracts lie and
are
situate contiguous to each other and form one tract containing twelve
hundred and fourteen and one half acres more or less
And your petitioners further represent , that the said George Johnston ,
in his lifetime , to wit ; on or about the 7th day of September AD. 1847

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made his last will and testament in writing , and which after his decease
was on or about the the 10th day of February A.D. 1849 . duly proved , allowed

and ordered to probate and record , by this Court , and was then and there
by order of said Court duly recorded . That by said last will and testament
the said George Johnston devised said real estate and premises herein before
described and his said devises at and upon the decease of the said George
Johnston and previous to their sale of their respective interests of part of
said devise to one James Davis Senr as hereinafter stated held said real
estate and premises as follows , Mary Dresback formerly Mary Johnston and wife of
Jonathan Dresbach held by virtue of said devises in said will one equal
undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting and paying the sum
ten hundred and forty dollars .
Jesse Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided tenth
part of said premises after deducting and paying nine hundred &
twenty three dollars & sixty six cents , Elizabeth Foster , formerly Elizabeth
Johnston and late wife of Jeremiah B Foster held by virtue of said
devises , one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting
there from the sum of Eleven Hundred and fifty four dollars and
thirty two cents
James Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided tenth part of
said premises after deducting therefrom one thousand and two dollars
and sixty five cents
William Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided
tenth part of said premises after deducting and paying ten hundred
and forty dollars .
Ephraim Johnston held by virtue of said devise one equal undivided
tenth part of said premises after deducting ten hundred and forty dollars
Wilson Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided
tenth part of said premises after deducting two hundred and twenty
one dollars & eighty nine cents
Joseph Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided
tenth part of said premises after deducting one thousand and forty
dollars , Niram A Jeffries son of Rachel Jeffries late Rachel John
Ston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided tenth part of
said premises after deducting therefrom seven hundred and seventy
dollars and Sixty four cents -Your petitioners would further state that in and by said will the
said testator George Johnston devised to one George Johnston a
grandson of said Testator one equal undivided tenth part of said
premises after deducting therefrom Eleven hundred & forty dollars
& thirty one cents , all which will more fully and at large appear by
the record of said will in this Court , and that the said devisee depart
ed this life previous to the death of the said testator whereby the said
legacy and devise became lapsed and the said equal undivided one

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tenth part of said premises , upon the death of the said testator , descended to
and became vested in the children and heirs at law of the said George Johnston the
testator who held the same as tenants in common ,
Your Petitioners would further represent that the said George Johnston at his
decease left the following children and heirs who were devisees of certain
interests in said premises and held the one equal undivided tenth part devised
in said Will to said George Johnston as tenants in common , to wit :
1 Mary Dresbach formerly Mary Johnston and wife of Jonathan Dresbach both of
whom are resident of Fairfield County , Ohio .
2 Jesse Johnston who resides in Porter County Indiana
3 Elizabeth Foster formerly Elizabeth Johnston and who intermarried with one
Jeremiah B Foster and who previous to her decease resided in Warren County
Indiana
4 James Johnston who resides in Ross County , Ohio
5 William Johnston who resides in Ross County , Ohio .
6 Ephraim Johnston who resides in Ross County , Ohio
7 Wilson Johnston who resides in Ross Count
8 Joseph Johnston who resides in California
and 9th Niram A. Jeffries a son of Rachel Jeffries and Elias Jeffries the
said Rachel being a daughter of said George Johnston and being

with her husband the said Elias Jeffries deceased prior to the death of the said George Johnston , the said Hiram A. Jeffries being at this time a resident of California
Your petitioners would further state that by virtue of said devises in said will the said Mary Dresbach , Jesse Johnston , Elizabeth Foster , James Johnston , William Johnston , Ephraim Johnston , Wilson Johnston , Joseph Johnston , and Hiram A. Jeffries held each one equal undivided tenth part of said premises and by virtue of their heirship at law held each one ninth of the one tenth part of said premises devised in said will to the said George Johnston making the interest of each of said persons in said premises one equal undivided ninth part
Your petitioners would further represent that after the decease of the said George Johnston the testator , the said Elizabeth Foster wife of said Jeremiah B. Foster departed this life intestate still seized and possessed in fee simple of the said one equal ninth part of said premises which descended to and became vested in your pettioners who are the children and heirs at law of the said Elizabeth Foster and is now owned by them as coparceners in the following proportions , to wit :
To Rachel Foster one undivided seventh part of said ninth part of said premises
To George J Foster one undivided seventh part of said ninth part of said premises ,
To Ruma Foster one undivided Seventh part of said ninth part of said premises

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To Henry Foster one undivided Seventh part of said Ninth part of said premises
To Wesley Foster one equal undivided Seventh part of said ninth part of said premises
To said Hester Ann Foster one undivided Seventh part of said ninth part of said premises
to said Josiah J. Foster one undivided Seventh part of said ninth part of said premises ,
your petitioners would further state that since the decease of the said George Johnston , the said devisees and heirs Mary Dres back and Jonathan Dresbach , Jesse Johnston , James Johnston , Will am Johnston , Ephraim Johnston , Wilson Johnston , Joseph Johnston , and Hiram A. Jeffries sold and conveyed away all their right , title , interest and estate in said premises and their said several interests are now held and possessed by one James Davis.Senior , who resides in Pike County , Ohio , and who now holds by virtue of his said pur chases , as coparcener with your petitioners , eight equal undivided ninth parts of said real estate and premises herein before described ,
Your petitioners would further represent that in and by said last will and testament the said George Johnston the testator aforesaid devised and bequeathed to his wife Nancy Johnston now a resident of Ross County aforesaid , in addition to certain personal property in lieu of her dower in said real estate the one third part of the rent of his ( the said Gorge Johnston ‘s ) real estate to be paid to her annually during the life of his said wife Nancy Johnston by his executor ; and that the same is a charge upon the said land .
Your petitioners would further state that since the decease of the said George , the said Nancy has sold and conveyed all her in terest in said land by the way of rent charge or otherwise as far as the same affects the eight equal undivided ninth parts of said premises held and possessed by the said James Davis ( who owns said eight undivided ninth parts free and clear from said encumbrance in said will made ) and the said Widow Nancy Johnston now claims only the one third of the said annual rent of the one equal undivided ninth part of said premises held and

possessed by your petitioners who hold the same subject to said
rent charge
Your petitioners therefore pray that the said James Davis Senior
who resides in Pike County and State of Ohio and the said Nancy
Johnston who resides in Ross County , Ohio , be made parties defend
ants to this petition ; and your petitioners desiring to hold their
said interest in said premises in severalty , pray that partition of
said premises may be made and that the respective interest of each
of your said petitioners in said premisesmay be set off respectively to

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each of them in severally subject to the said rent charge of the said
Nancy Johnston aforesaid or if it shall appear that partition cannot without
manifest injury , be made , then that the same may be sold or other order
taken pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided
By Edward Lewis
Attorney for Petitioners
And afterwards , to wit : March 2nd AD. 1852 . ” came the petition
ers by their attorney and made publication of notice to the defend
ants in this case .
The following is the notice together with the proof of publication
filed in this case March 2nd A.D. 1852 , to wit :
Ross Common Pleas , Ohio . Richard Foster , et al , by their
Guardian , Jeremiah B. Foster , vs James Davis Senr , et al . Petition for partition
Notice is hereby given to James Davis Senior of Pike County , Ohio , and
Nancy Johnston , of Ross County , Ohio , that on the 24th day of October , A.D. 1851
Richard Foster , George J. Foster , Ruema Foster , Henry Foster , Wesley
Foster , Hester Ann Foster , and Josiah J. Foster , ( minor heirs and children of
Elizabeth Foster , late of Warren County , Indiana , deceased , by their legally con
stituted guardian , Jeremiah B. Foster filed a petition in the Court of Common
Pleas of the County of Ross and State of Ohio , where the same is now
pending , demanding partition of the following lands and premises
situate in said County of Ross and State of Ohio , and described as follows
First . A certain tract or parcel of land situate in said County of Ross and
bounded and described as follows : Beginning at a stake on the west bank
of the sciota river , from which a sycamore thirty six inches in diameter
bears north 58 degrees , east , 28 links , and another Sycamore , thirty four inches
in diameter bears south 44 degrees West 127 links , being the upper corner on the
river of Survey No. 488 ; thence North 54 degrees 13 minutes , West 932 poles , to
three white oaks and a hickory on a ridge ; thence south 33 degrees west 46 poles
to a hickory , a small oak and a dead oak ; thence south 46 degrees , 6 minutes
east 965 poles to a stake on the Scioto river near a large sycamore and a black
Walnut stump ; thence up the river with its meanders and binding
thereon north 36 degrees , east 59 3/4 poles , north 32 degrees , east 75 poles , north
18 degrees , east 50 poles to the beginning containing seven hundred and
thirty one and one half ( 73 ½ ) acres , more or less , and being part of survey
No. 488 .
Second . Also one other tract or parcel of land situate in said County of
Ross and bounded and described as follows , to wit : Beginning at a stake
on the bank of the Scioto river , from which two elms marked as a corner
bears south 44 degrees , east 2 poles , upper corner on the river to a lot of land
set off to Thomas Johnston in certain proceedings by partition had in
Ross Court of Common Pleas among the heirs of John Johnston deceased
thence with the lines of said Thomas Johnston lot North 44 de
grees , West 531 poles to a stake on a high bank : thence north 44 degrees

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east 8 poles to a stake on a high bank aforesaid , corner to said lot thence
North 43 degrees , West 453 poles , crossing a branch at 71 poles a road at 110 poles a large branch at 190
poles and one at 310 poles
to a white oak and small black oak , corner to said lot ; thence North 33 degrees

east 15 poles , to a small white oak and hickory , lower back corner to George Johnston ‘s land ; thence with his line south 46 degrees , east 962 poles , to a large Sycamore on the bank of the river lower corner on the river to Johnston said land ; thence down the river South 28 degrees , West 63 poles , to the begin ning , containing two hundred and forty seven ( 247 ) acres more or less , and be ing the same tract of land sold and conveyed by Nancy Chenowith to said George Johnston by deed dated the 8th day of October , A.D. 1838 .
Third . Also one other tract of land situate in said County of Ross , and bounded and described as follows , to wit ; Beginning at a stake on the bank of the Scioto river , upper corner thereon to a lot set off to Jemima Johnston and from which a bur oak bears south 38 degrees , West 2 1/2 poles , and a mul berry bears south 44 degrees , east 2 1/2 poles , thence north 42 degrees , West 539 poles to a sugar tree , from which a brick dwelling house bears south 75 de grees , east 6 poles and 8 feet , corner to said lot ; thence north 44 degrees , east 5 1/3 poles , to a stake corner to said lot ; thence north 39 degrees , 30 minutes , west 433 poles crossing a branch at 81 poles , a road at 110 poles , a large branch at 208 poles and one at 312 poles to two hickories and a white oak , thence north 30 degrees , West 20 poles , to three white oaks , ( two of them dead ) and a wood lowers back corner to Pickering and Hodgins survey No. 488 ; thence North 33 degrees , east 12 poles , to a white oak and small black oak ; thence South 43 degrees , east 453 poles crossing a branch at 140 poles , a large branch at 260 poles , a road at 340 poles and a branch at 380 poles , to a stake on a high bank above the bottom land : thence south 44 degrees , West 8 poles , a stake on said bank : thence south 44 degrees , east 531 poles to a stake on the bank of the river , from which two elms marked as corners bear south 44 degrees east 2 poles; thence down said river south 28 degrees west 12 poles , thence south 31 degrees west 38 poles thence south 44 degrees west 10 poles to the place of beginnign con
taining two hundred and thirty six ( 236 ) acres , more or less , and being the same tract of land sold and conveyed by Thomas Johnston and wife to the said George Johnston by deed dated the 14th day of September A.D. 1841 , and which said three tracts of land above described lie contiguous to each other , and form together one tract containing twelve hundred and fourteen and one half ( 1214 1/2 ) acres of land
The said petitioners above named demand that partition be made of said lands and premises as follows : to each of the said petitioners one equal seventh part of one ninth part of said lands and premises , subject to the annual payment to the said Nancy Johnston of one third part of the rent of the said one seventh part of the one ninth part of said premises , and to the said James Davis , senior, eight equal ninth parts of said lands and premises ,
At the next term of said Court of Common Pleas of Ross County , Ohio

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an application will be made by the said petitioners , for an order that partition may be made & c. of said premises . By
October 25th , A.D. 1851 .
Edward Lewis , Attorney for Demandants

Proof of Publication . ” Ross Com . Pleas , Ohio . The State of Ohio Ross County S. S. Personally appeared in open Court George Armstrong the Editor and publisher of the Ancient Metropolis a newspaper printed and published in the County of Ross and State of Ohio and of general circulation therein , who be ing first duly sworn saith that the notice of which the annexed is a true copy was duly and regularly published in said Ancient Metropolis for the term of Six consecutive weeks commencing on the 25th day of October A.D. 1851
Geo . Armstrong
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 2d day of March 1852
A. L. Fullerton , Clerk ,
And afterwards , to wit : on the 4th day of March A.D. 1852 . This cause came on to be heard upon the petition notice of , and was argued by coun sel for petitioners , in consideration whereof and it appearing to the satisfac tion of the Court that due notice hath been given more than forty days

previous to the present Term of the pendency and demand of said
petition as required by law , and that the demandants have a legal right
and estate in the premises described in the petition , and as therein set
forth and no sufficient reason appearing why partition should not be made
On motion to the Court by Edward Lewis Counsel for the plaintiff , it is
ordered that by the oaths of Smiley Caldwell , James Vause , and James
Rittenour judicious disinterested freeholders of the vicinity , one full equal
third part of the annual rent of one ninth part of the lands in the said
petition described , be assigned and set off to the said Nancy Johnston
in lien of her dower estate under the will of , the said George John
ston deceased , and that by the like oaths of the same Smiley Caldwell ,
James Vause , and James Ritenour partition be made of said lands sub
ject to said estate of said Nancy Johnston in the following propor
tions , to wit : To the said Richard Foster , George J Foster , Ruema
Foster , Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann Foster , and Josiah
J. Foster , each one equal Seventh of one Ninth part of said prem
ises and to the said James Davis Senr eight ninth of said lands
and premises , And it is further ordered that a writ of partition issue to
the Sheriff of Ross County , Ohio , commanding him to cause said dower
estate to be assigned and said partition to be made accordingly , and
that he return his proceeding herein forthwith ,
and after wards , to wit : on the 8th day of March A.D. 1852 , a
writ of Partition issued in this case , which said writ reads in the word
and figures following , to wit : " The State of Ohio
To the Sheriff of Ross County , Greeting : We command you that without
delay , by the oaths of Smiley Caldwell , James Vance , and James
Ritenour , you cause Nancy Johnston widow of George Johnston late

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of Ross County Ohio deceased to be endowed of one full third part
of one ninth part of the following real estate situate in Ross County
Ohio and bounded and described as follows , to wit : a certain tract or
parcel of land situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described
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by Thomas Johnston & wife to the said George Johnston by deed dated
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and are contiguous to each other and form one tract containing twelve
hundred and fourteen and one half acres more or less :
And also that in like manner and by the same and like oaths
of the said Smiley Caldwell , James Vance and James Ritenour you
cause partition to be made of the same lands subject to said dower
estate among the following persons and in the following proportions
to wit ; to said James Davis Senr eight equal undivided ninth parts of
said lands and premises , and to the said Richard Foster , George J.
Foster , Ruema Foster , Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann Foster
and Josiah J. Foster each one equal undivided Seventh part of one
ninth part of said lands and premises in pursuance of an order
lately made in our said Court of Common Pleas within and for the
said County of Ross in a certain petition for partition wherein
Richard Foster et al , by their Guardian Jeremiah B Foster are peti
tioners and James Davis Senr et al are defendant ; and that your
proceedings in the premises you distinctly certify under your hand
to our Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Ross
together with this writ .
Seal Witness Angus L. Fullerton Clerk of our said
Court of Common Pleas this 8th day of March
A.D. 1852
Angus L Fullerton , Clerk

Sheriff ‘s the within Return , I have executed this writ by the oaths of
the within named Smiley Caldwell , James Vause , & James Ritenour ,
whose report is hereunto annexed & returned , March 15th 1852
William K. McMillin , Sheriff of Ross County , Ohio
Commissioners Report ” We the undersigned , commissioners named in the
writ hereunto annexed , after being duly sworn , and after viewing and
examining the lands and premises in said writ described , do as
sign to the said Nancy Johnston for her dower estate in the one
ninth part of said estate the sum of One Hundred and seven

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dollars to be paid annually to her on the 1st day of October A.D.
1852 and each and every year thereafter on the said 1st day of October

during the natural life of the said Nancy Johnston : And we are of
opinion that said premises cannot be divided according to the com
mand of this writ without manifest injury of the value thereof , and we
do estimate the value of the one ninth part of said premises
Subject to said dower estate at five thousand three hundred & ninety
Seven dollars seventy seven cents , and we do estimate the whole of said
premises at forty eight thousand five hundred & sixty dollars .
Given under our hands this 13th day of March 1852
Smiley Caldwell Ⓟ J
ames Vause Seal
Jame Ritenour Ⓟ
The State of Ohio , Ross County SS .
On the 10th day of March A.D. 1852
Smiley Caldwell , James Vance and James Rittenour the above named
commissioners were duly sworn by me , to make partition of the lands
in the annexed writ described and to assign dower in the same
in pursuance of the order of the Court
William K McMillin , Sheriff Ross County
And now at this day , to wit ; on the day in the year and at
the place hereinbefore first aforesaid mentioned , " On motion
to the Court by Edward Lewis counsel for the petitioners , and upon
producing the proceedings of the Sheriff , and the report and pro
ceedings of the Commissioner hereinbefore appointed , and the
same being examined , it is ordered that said proceedings and
report be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed ; and
thereupon the said James Davis Senr electing to take said Estate
at the said valuation , the said estate is hereby adjudged to the said
James Davis Senr , and is ordered to pay to the said Richard Foster ,
George J. Foster , Ruema Foster , Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann
Foster , and Josiah J Foster , their respective proportions of the apprais
ed value thereof with in ten days from the rising of this Court , and
upon the full and punctual payment by the said James Davis Senr
of the same the said Sheriff is ordered to execute a deed in fee simple
for the said estate to the said James Davis Senr according to the
statute in such case made and provided , and it is further ordered
that the costs and expenses of this suit taxed to dollars
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equal ninth parts of said costs , and by the said Richard Foster ,
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Ann Foster , and Josiah J. Foster , each one seventh part of one ninth
part of said Costs and in default thereof that execution issue
therefor ,

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Counsel fee taxed at three hundred and sixty dollars , $ 360.00
John Green Judge
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Ross. Property Partition Records 1850-1852, 1852-1854,Court Records 1850-1852, 1852-1854
"Ross, Ohio, United States records," images, FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLK-X3Y8-1?view=fullText : Nov 21, 2024), image 291 of 630; .

and decreed by the court that the sheriff of Ross County distribute the amount of moneys in his hands under a former order in this case in the manner following- to said Nelson Rider the one third part thereof- To Adam Poe (who is the purchaser and owner of all the interest of said Jacob Mapelman and Margaret Mapelman herein the two third parts thereof. And it is further ordered that the costs accruing herein since the filing of said amended petition be paid as follows To Nelson Rider the one third part thereof and Andrew Poe the two third parts thereof.

Wm L Sherlock
Judge

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Richard Foster et al &c vs James Davis Sen. et al,

Pleas held at the Court House in the City of Chillicothe for the County of Ross and State of Ohio, before the Honorable James L Bates judge of the Court of Common Pleas for said County, on Tuesday March the Sixteenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Be it Remembered that on the 25th day of October A.D. 1851 Richard Foster et al &c. by their attorneys filed in the clerks office of said Court their certain petition, which reads in the words and figures following, to wit:

To the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ross and State of Ohio.

Your Petitioners Richard Foster, George L. Foster, Rhoda Foster, Henry Foster, Wesley Foster, Hester Ann Foster and Josiah J. Foster, all of the County of Warren and State of Indiana by their guardian Jeremiah B. Foster, respectfully represents that on or about the day of [illegible] one George Johnston, of the said County of Ross and State of Ohio, died seized and possessed of an estate in fee simple in fee simple, in the following land and tenements situate in said County of Ross and State of Ohio and bounded and described as follows, to wit; First a certain tract or parcel of land situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a Stake on the West bank of the Scioto River from which a Sycamore 36 inches in diameter bears N 85 E 28 links, and another Sycamore 34 inches in diameter bears S 44 W 12 links being the upper corner in the river of Survey N° 482 thence North 54° W 332 poles to three white oaks and a hickory on a ridge thence South 38° West 40 poles to a hickory a small oak and a dead oak- thence South 46° E 965 poles to a stake on the Scioto River near a large Sycamore and a black walnut Stump; thence up the river with its meanders and bounding thereon North 36° East 54 poles, North 32° East 75 poles, North 16° East 50 poles to the beginning containing Seven hundred and thirty one and

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And your petitioners further represent, that the said George Johnston in his lifetime, to wit; on or about the 7th day of September A.D. 1847

# Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 13, 2024
Kansas,Mentzer,Woodson_County

**Bert Mentzer's Death**

Live Wire Kills Button Cutter
Burt Mentzer Accidentally Electrocuted Yesterday
110 Volts through Body
Victim Was Standing on Damp Floor and Touched Wire

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The chief electrician from the city department and an assistant were placing an extra battery form to furnish more power through the transformer near the building yesterday afternoon. Over fifty workmen were busy at the time of the accident and one of the workmen cut the switch off instantly.
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"Live Wire Kills Button Cutter," Iola Daily Register and Evening News (Iola, Kansas), 24 January 1919, page 1; digital image, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online August 2018).

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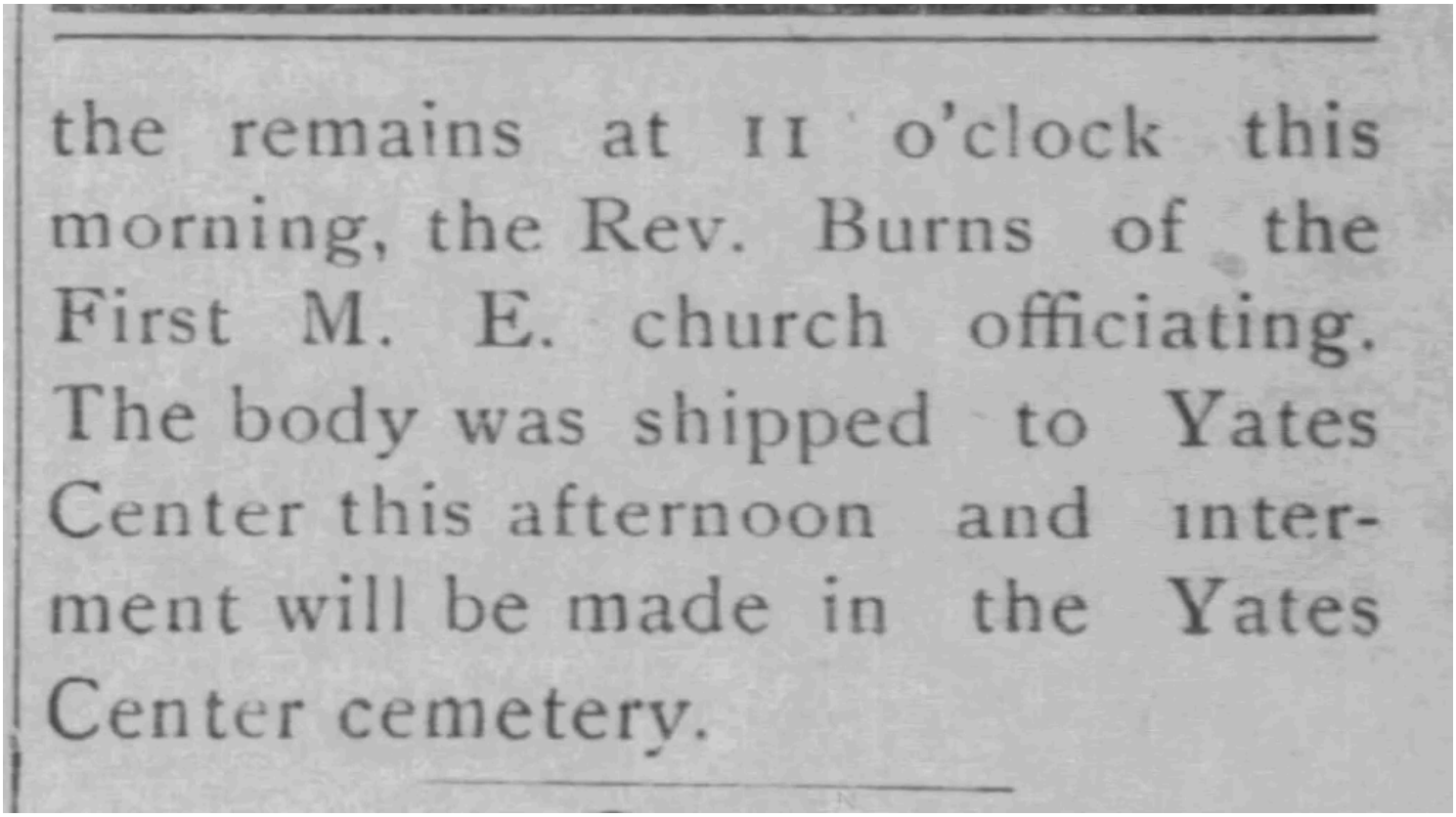
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H was a member of the Methodist church, being converted at the age of seventeen, and was faithful until his Master called him to a higher life.
He was married to Grace Graham May 7, 1913.
Bert was well know to most of the people of Yates Center and vicinity. He was a kind and loving son and husband.
He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, his mother, Mrs. Geo Mentzer, five brothers, C. O., J. F., H.A., P.E., and E.E. Mentzer and one sister, Mrs. Clara E Williams, besides other relatives and scores of friends.
His father and one sister, Mrs. Susie M. Tunnicliff, preceded him to that land where the sun can never go down.
The funeral was held at the Methodist church in Yates Center Sunday afternoon, January 26, Rev C. V. Shulenberger conducting the service.
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# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 14, 2024
Nemaha County,World War I,WWI

**A Company Forming At Seneca**

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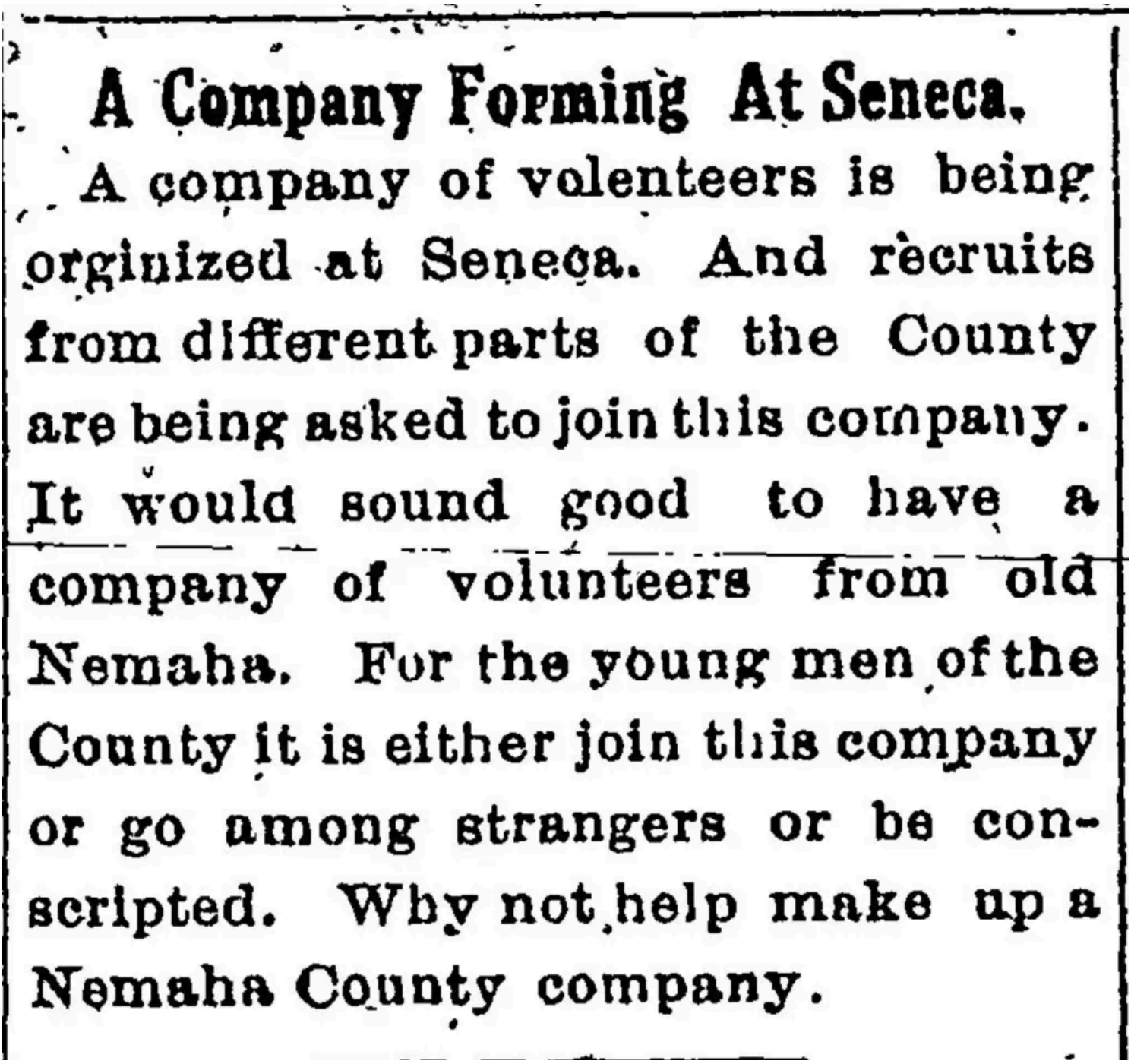

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*Corning Gazette (Corning, KS) 24 May 1917, page 1*

**Notice of Selective Draft Registration in Nemaha County, Kansas**

The President has set the date of registration, June 5, 1917, which requires all male persons between the ages of 21 to 30 years inclusive, except those already in the Federal service, to present themselves for registration on the above date, at the usual voting place in the precinct, in the Township or Ward in which they reside. The Registration Booths to be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. until 9:00 o'clock P.M.

**Notice To Absentees Or Sick Persons**

Regulations as furnished by the Secretary of War provide that the County Board will begin registering absentees and the sick immediately after the President's Proclamation, dated May 18, 1917.

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Upon application by you, to the County Clerk of Nemaha County, Kansas, your card will be made out and certified, and should be mailed by you "In care of the Sheriff," addressed to your home precinct, or should you live in a city of over 30,000 population, the above card should be addressed "In care of the Mayor."

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# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 15, 2024
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**Calling All Genea-Musings Fans:**

## It's Saturday Night Again –

## Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Today's challenge is to share memories of December holiday gatherings and celebrations with your families (as a child, a young adult, a parent, a grandparent, a great-grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a nibling, a cousin, an in-law)!

Someone should have told me NOT to answer five of the questions last week! Thinking that Randy may likely use this same task next week, I'm going to expand on ONE question today.

**Were there memorable gifts or surprises from your family's holiday history?**

During my childhood, there was one 'gift' that always appeared under my grandparents tree on the 24th: a dozen roses!

However, the gift was not a Christmas gift. Instead it was a gift by my grandfather to my grandmother in honor of their wedding anniversary. On their first anniversary, he gave her one red rose. On the succeeding years, he added a rose until reaching the dozen roses. After that, a dozen roses appeared in their house on Dec. 24th, their wedding anniversary.

In December 1969, my grandparents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. That year, my grandmother gave my grandfather a wedding band. Since he worked on the railroad, he had not worn a wedding band prior to that time.

# PastPerfect

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 16, 2024
Nemaha County,PastPerfect

**From Grammar to Museums: My Journey with PastPerfect Software**

When you hear the term *PastPerfect*, what comes to mind? High school grammar lessons? Or perhaps museum software?

As a volunteer for the **Nemaha County Historical Society**, I've taken a brief "detour" from my genealogical research to work with the society's PastPerfect database. Recently, the society received a grant from **Rainbow Communications** to upgrade our museum software to a web-based version. This upgrade will enable access to the database from any of the museum's buildings — a big step forward for efficiency and accessibility.

But before that can happen, there's a crucial task at hand: **data cleanup**. As I work my way through the process, I'm learning firsthand how museums catalog and classify items. This experience has given me a deeper appreciation for the behind-the-scenes effort required to maintain historical records. I also believe that the skills I'm developing will prove useful in my genealogical research, especially when it comes to organizing, cataloging, and accessing information.

While it's a "detour" from my usual path, I see it as an opportunity to contribute to the society while also enhancing my own research abilities. It's one more reminder that every piece of history — whether it's a museum artifact or a genealogical clue — deserves to be carefully documented and made accessible to future generations.

# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 17, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II,WWII

## 1941

**NEW SERIAL NUMBER LIST**
**DRAWN YESTERDAY**
For July 1 Service Registrants—A New National Lottery Soon
The Nemaha County selective service board yesterday shuffled the melon-colored cards on which 21-year-olds registered July 1, drew the cards, and gave them county serial numbers.
As in the case of the first registration, there will soon be a national lottery to determine order numbers, the order in which the serial numbers holders will be called to service.
The new order numbers are to be sandwiched in with the old, instead of being kept as a separate list, according to dispatches from Washington Monday.
Nemaha County already had a list of 1,705 order numbers from the registration of last October. This old list, starting No. 1, has been sifted to No. 163 in order to obtain the 25 men who have been sent to Ft. Leavenworth for induction. From order No. 162 to 1,705, there remains a reservoir of unsifted material, 1,543 old registrants. There are 90 of the new registrants; a proportion of about 1 to 17 to those left in the "reservoir." After the order numbers are drawn for the new men, they could be sandwiched by starting with the old order number reached, No. 163, then going down the list 17 men, sandwiching in Order No. 1 from the new group, then going down the list another 17, then sandwiching in No. 2 from the new list and so on.
Meanwhile, the county serial number list is important to the next lottery for determination of order numbers. Here is the county second registration serial list:
1. Harold Otis Scoby, Sabetha
2. Lawrence Earl Howard, Wet…more

3. Donald K. Hall, Baileyville
4. John James Ada[ir], Seneca
5. William M. Duncan, Centralia
6. Richard Gale Randel, Corning
7. Joseph A. Enneking, Centralia
8. Eugene Harry Milne, Oneida
9. James C. Tomlinson, Corning
10. Wilbur Dale Hull, Goff
11. Hiram Arnold Sweet, Corning
12. Norman L. Levick, Wetmore
13. Alvin F. O'Connor, Centralia
14. Arthur S. Trimble Jr., Sabetha
15. Raymond D. Baton, Wetmore
16. Alvin J. Leuthold, Circleville
17. Ivan Leigh Arck, Sabetha
18. Charles T. Garber, Sabetha
19. Edward Lee S[weet[, Bern
20. James Clayton Kyle, Sabetha
21. Joseph D. Rokey Jr., Sabetha
22. George W. Welch, Seneca
23. Lawrence F. McDaniel, Wetmore
24. Marvin F. Bauman, Sabetha
25. John Earl Welch, Goff
26. Edward C. Bauman, Oneida
27. Robert L. Ewing, Sabetha
28. Arthur W. Cotrell, Corning
29. Milburn R. Cone, Seneca
30. Matson J. Larkin, Baileyville
31. Lawrence L. Wintersheidt, Seneca
32. Leonard G. OEnbring, Baileyville
33. Valentine J. L. K[oehler], Oneida
34. Vincent H. [Ronnebaum], Baileyville
35. Leander I. S[?], Baileyville

36. Thomas A. C[?]. Oneida
37. John W. S[?], Seneca
38. Leo F. Schmelzle, Seneca
39. Frank A. McGehee, Sabetha
40. Charles W. [Aeschliman], Sabetha
41. Virgil G. Altenhofen, Goff
42. Frank H. K[?], Baileyville
43. Thomas F. [Levick], Seneca
44. Donald J. C[?], Sabetha
45. LeRoy A. Strahm, Sabetha
46. Marion R. M[artin], Centralia
47. Wilbur J. H[?], Oneida
48. Joe Menold, Sabetha
49. Albert L. L[?], Goff
50. Edwin F. N[?] Kelly
51. Jared Grant K[?], Sabetha
52. Eldon A. Huerter, Sabetha
53. Clarence W. [Aschelmann], Seneca
54. Walter H. B[?], Sabetha
55. Donald B. Lehmkuhl, Oneida
56. Clarence H. Bech[], Sabetha
57. Leonard R. Aeschliman, Sabetha
58. Alvin E. Dickinson, Sabetha
59. Lloyd Edwin Smith, C[entralia]
60. Raymond J. Skoch, Baileyville
61. Clarence F. Hughes, Corning
62. Robert F. Skoch, Baileyville
63. Leonard Joseph Ronnebaum, Baileyville
64. Joseph H. Lierz, Baileyville
65. Ross Alfonso Clay, Onaga
66. Glen W. Cramer Jr., Sabetha
67. Robert Wesley Shaw, Seneca
68. Raymond P. Baskett, Sabetha
69. Gerald S. Keim, Sabetha
70. Daniel Edelman, Sabetha
71. Jacob Streit Jr., Seneca
72. Virgil Leslie McClain, Goff
73. Cecil L. Stalcup, Sabetha
74. Lewis L. Barret, Wetmore
75. Dale W. Goetsch, Seneca
76. Zillman P. Sheldon, Sabetha
77. Raymond L. McDaniel, Wetmore
78. Raymond D. Randel, Corning
79. Charles E. Mathews, Seneca
80. George A. Stenman, Seneca
81. Ross L. Frey, Sabetha
82. Orville A. Meeker, Seneca
83. Ivan Murrell Long, Centralia
84. Harold D. Schweitzer, Goff
85. Vernus A. Oenbring, Baileyville
86. Lambert John Haug, Seneca
87. Edward N. Pfrag, Goff
88. Elmer H. Niekamp, Baileyville
89. Norbert H. Burdick, Seneca
90. Howard M. Ze[dl?], Sabetha

*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 10 Jul 1941*

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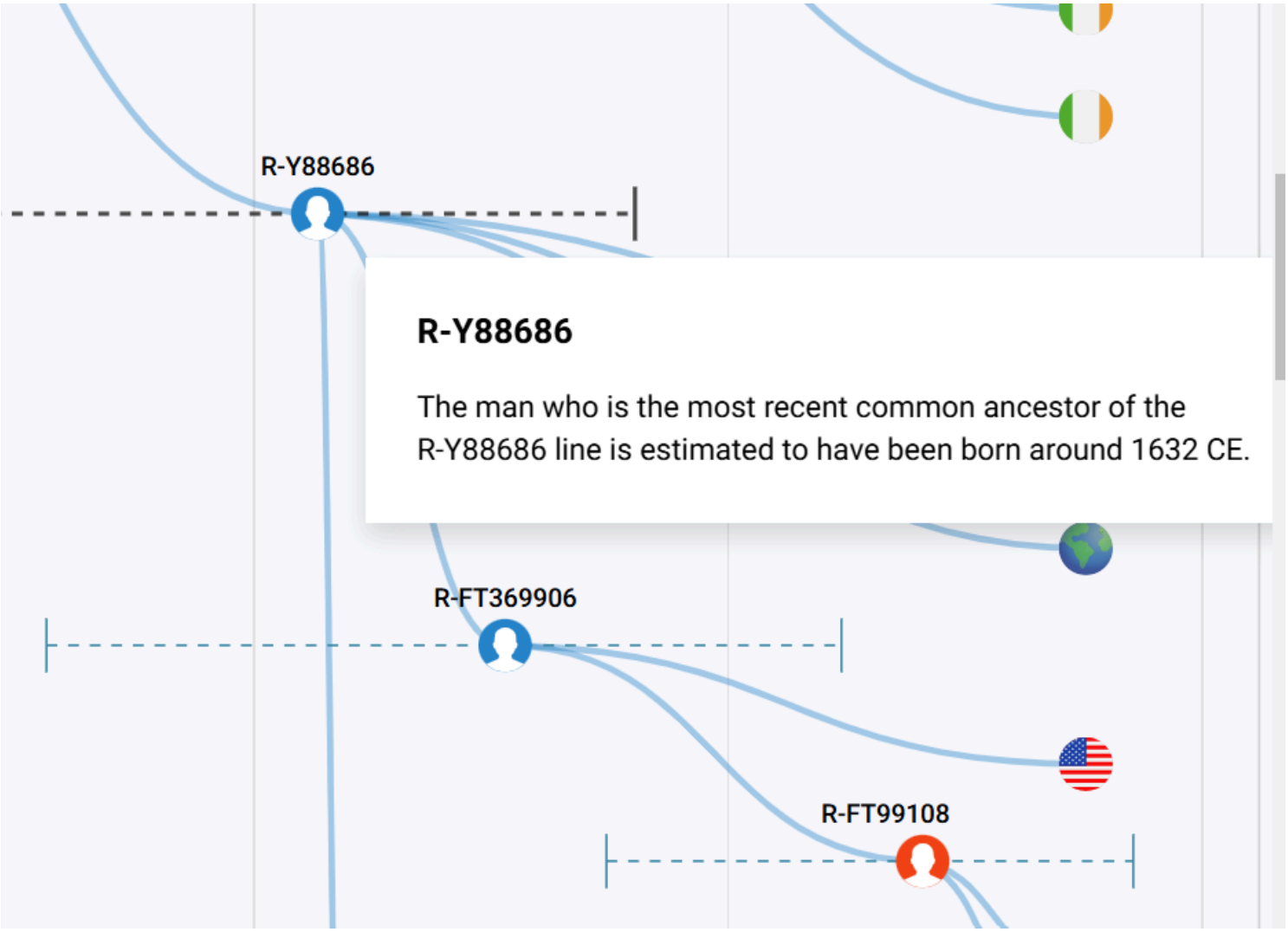
# Mystery Match Continued

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 18, 2024
Crawford,DNA,Warren County

**Re-evaluating Crawford Connections to My Mystery Match**

Have you ever considered that searching for common surnames in a match's family tree might not always help identify how you are related to a "mystery match"? While my yDNA results confirm a relationship to my mystery match through my paternal CRAWFORD line, the Time Tree estimates this connection around 1632 CE.


R-Y88686
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The man who is the most recent common ancestor of the R-Y88686 line is estimated to have been born around 1632 CE.
R-FT369906
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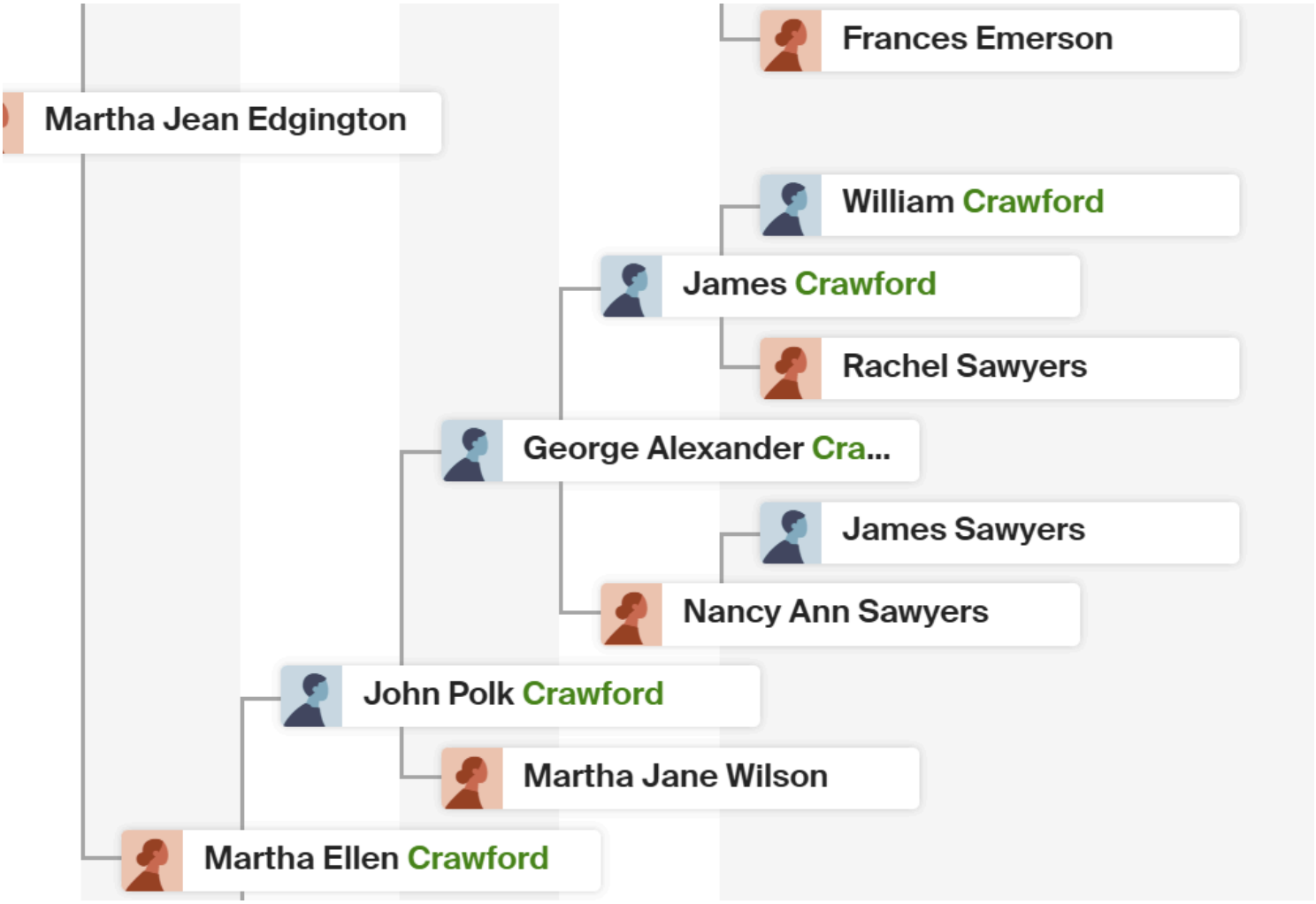
Given this distant timeline, it is unlikely that my shared autosomal DNA with this individual is via our paternal CRAWFORD lines. My mystery match also has a maternal CRAWFORD line that traces through Alexander and Mary McPheeters, but my own paper trail research has not revealed any link to this particular Crawford line.

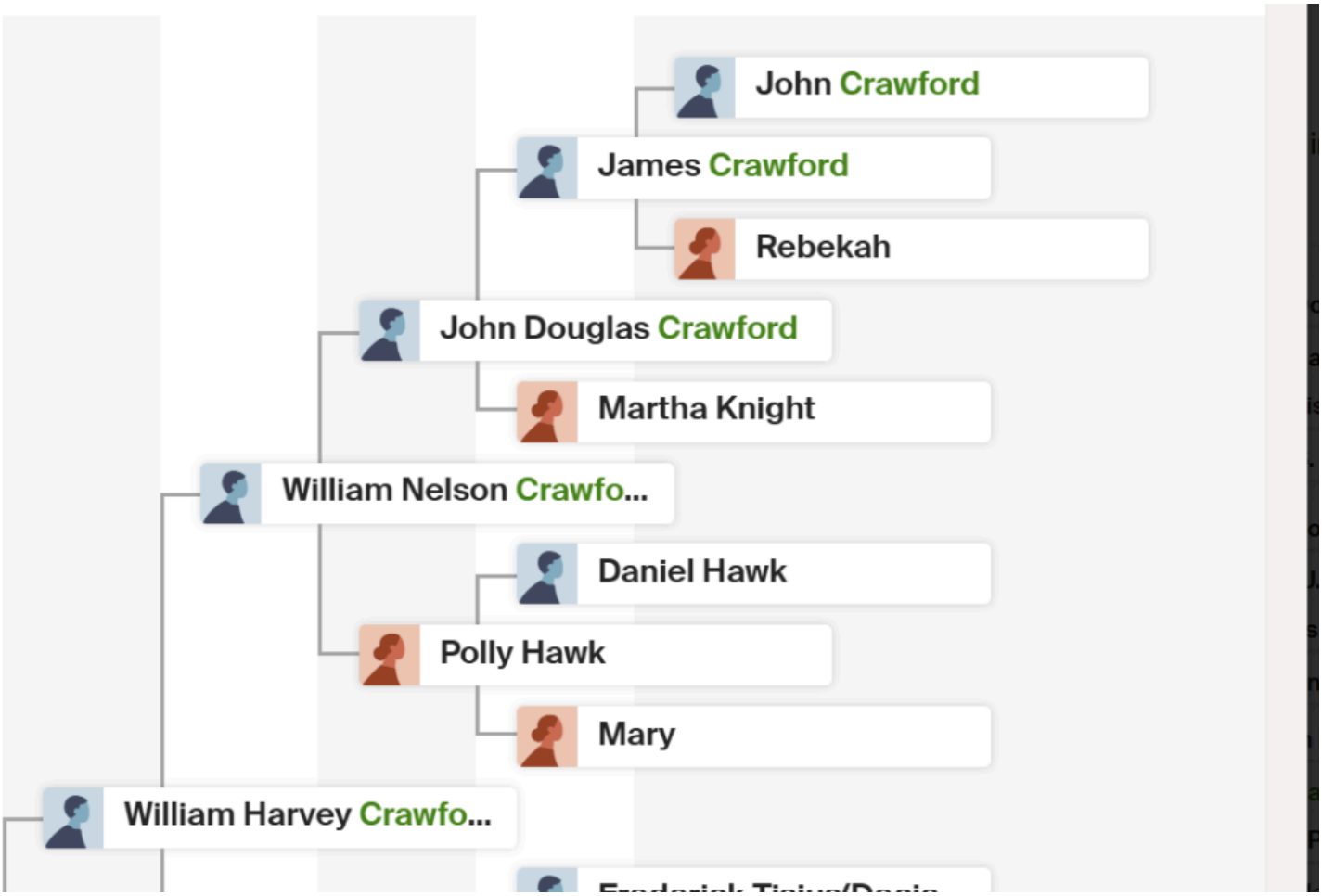
## Crawford Connections in My Mystery Match's Tree

- **Maternal Line:** Connection to CRAWFORD via Alexander and Mary McPheeters.



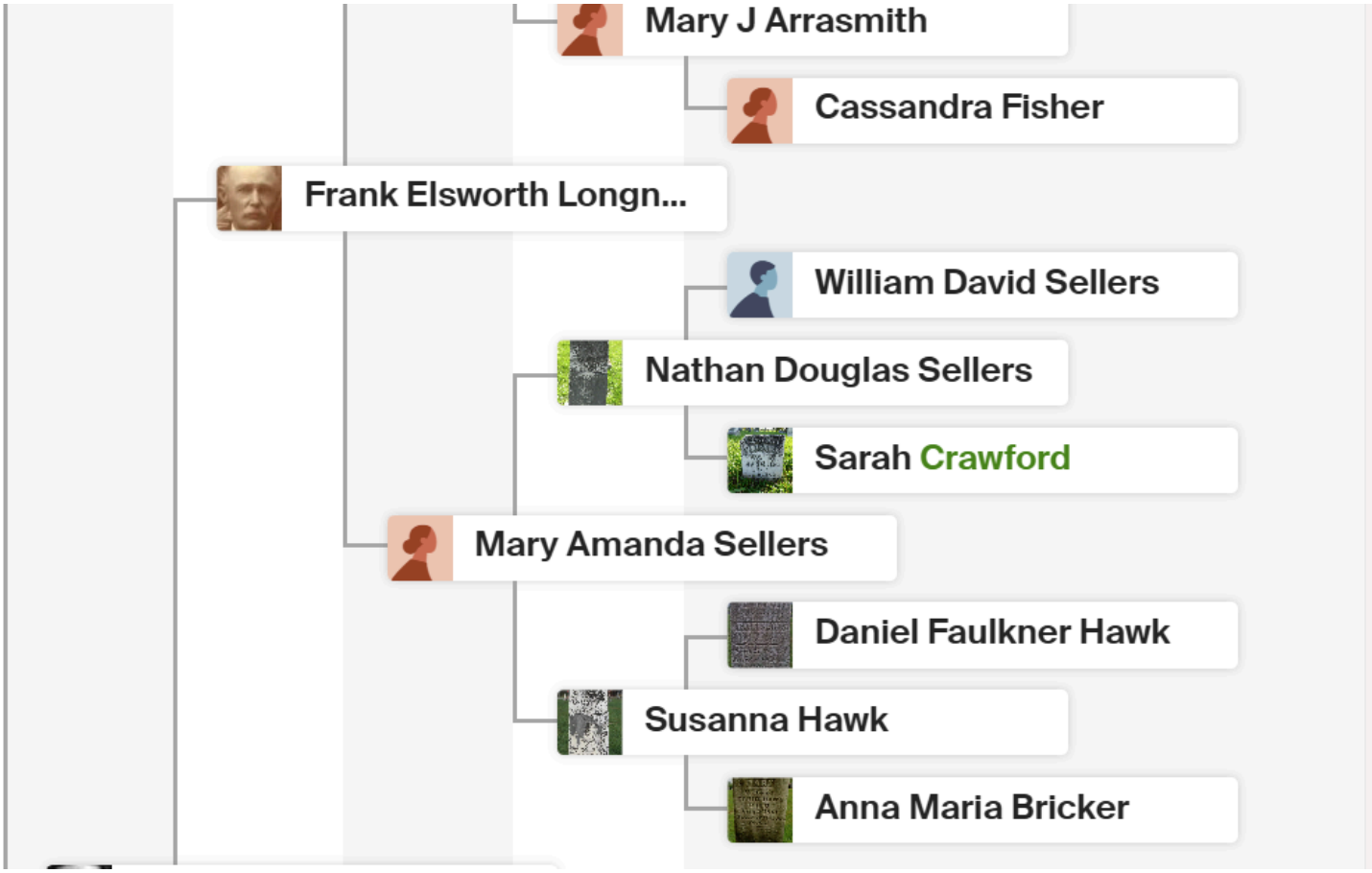

*Mystery Match's Maternal line showing CRAWFORD connection*

- **Paternal Line:** yDNA confirms connection to my paternal CRAWFORD line (estimated connection ~1632 CE).

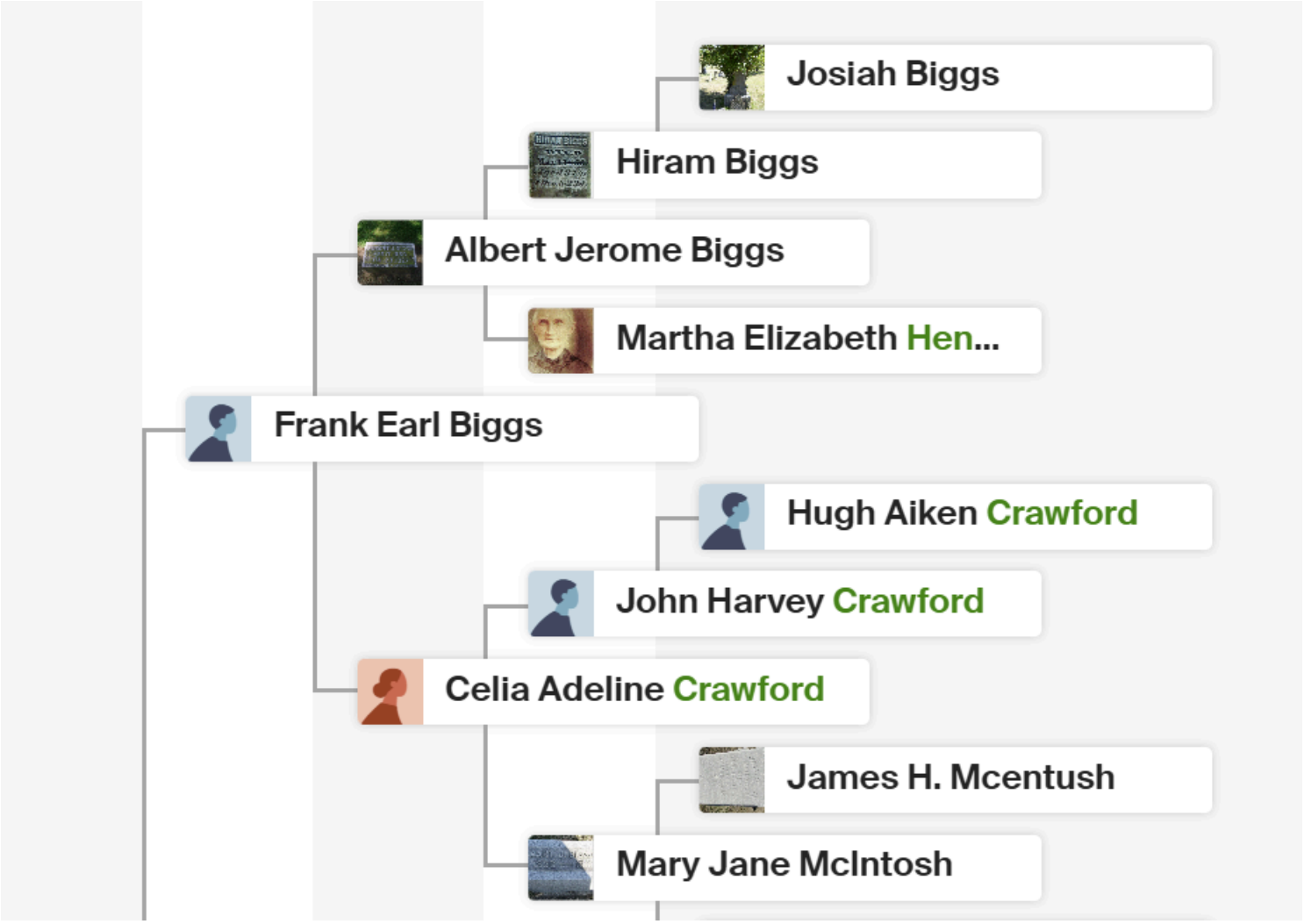



*Mystery Match's paternal line showing Crawford connection.*

In addition, several of the matches I share with this mystery match also have ties to CRAWFORD through Sarah Crawford, the wife of William Sellers.




Since my mystery match has a brother who has also tested, I reviewed the brother's shared matches. One of his shared matches also has a CRAWFORD line.




One notable Crawford connection is **Celia Crawford**, who married Albert Biggs in Warren County, Indiana. While I do have Celia Crawford in my genealogy file, I have not connected her to either of the two James Crawford lines in Warren County. This connection adds yet another layer of “mystery” to this already puzzling match.

## Current Strategy

To better understand which branch of my tree connects me to this mystery match, I am using the **dot system**. Here’s how I’m approaching it:

- **Shared Matches with Mystery Match:** Applied dots to track these shared matches.
- **Best Known Matches (Paternal Grandfather’s Side – CRAWFORD/HAMMOND):** Applied dots for these shared matches.
- **Best Known Matches (Maternal Line – RICKETTS/REED):** Applied dots for these shared matches.

So far, I have not identified any clear connections between my best-known matches and this mystery match.

## Next Steps

1. **Research Celia Crawford BIGGS**: Investigate her CRAWFORD ancestry to see if there is a link to one of the established Crawford lines in Warren County, Indiana.
2. **Expand Use of Dot System**: Apply dots for best-known matches on my paternal grandmother’s side of the tree.
3. **Contact the Mystery Match**: Reach out to see if they have made any progress or discovered new clues about our shared connection.
4. **Continue DNA Education**: Work through the **Your DNA Guide** course to apply new techniques and strategies to solve this mystery.

By continuing to analyze shared matches, track patterns, and fill gaps in the paper trail, I hope to make progress in identifying the connection to this mystery match. If anyone has suggestions on how to approach this, I welcome your insights!

# AI Helping Title Blog

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 18, 2024
Nemaha County,Social media

Do you have a blog? If so, how did you come up with your blog title? My blog title comes from my first website that was hosted on GeoCities. I chose the name because I live in Kansas (the heartland) and was highlighting my genealogical research.

As a volunteer for the Nemaha County Historical Society, I am considering creating a blog to highlight their activities and/or holdings. While my Heartland Genealogy blog uses WordPress, I am planning to use one of the historical society's Google for nonprofit accounts and host the blog on Blogger.

The first step in creating a blog is to give it a name. Thus, I need to come up with a name. Since I couldn't think of a name, I asked ChatGPT for help. My first prompt and ChatGPT's reponse was

> What would be a good blog title for a blog about Nemaha County Kansas history and genealogy?
>
> Here are some ideas for a blog title about Nemaha County, Kansas history and genealogy:
>
> 1. **"Roots and Roads: Exploring Nemaha County's Past"**
> 2. **"Nemaha County Chronicles: Stories of Heritage and History"**
> 3. **"From Prairie to Present: Nemaha County Genealogy"**
> 4. **"Echoes of Nemaha: A Journey Through Time"**
> 5. **"Nemaha County Connections: Unraveling Family Histories"**
> 6. **"Harvesting History: The People and Stories of Nemaha County"**
> 7. **"Crossroads of the Past: Nemaha County Heritage Blog"**
> 8. **"Prairie Legacies: Nemaha County's Families and Founders"**
> 9. **"Nemaha Roots: Discovering Family Ties in Kansas"**
> 10. **"Stories in the Soil: Unearthing Nemaha County's History"**
>
> Would you like me to refine or expand on any of these?
>
> While I liked all of the suggestions, I felt like they fit a personal blog versus one by the historical society. So I turned to ChatGPT for some more help.
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> Prompt: Would you suggest the same blog titles if the blog was hosted by the Nemaha COunty Historical Society?
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> If the blog is hosted by the **Nemaha County Historical Society**, the titles should reflect its authority and focus as a historical institution. Here are adjusted suggestions:
>
> 1. **"Nemaha County Historical Society Blog: Roots and Roads"**
> 2. **"Chronicles of Nemaha: By the Historical Society"**
> 3. **"Nemaha County Heritage: Stories Preserved by the Historical Society"**
> 4. **"Prairie Legacies: From the Archives of the Nemaha Historical Society"**
> 5. **"Nemaha County History Blog: Curated by the Historical Society"**
> 6. **"Voices of Nemaha: Historical Society Insights"**
> 7. **"Echoes of Nemaha: Treasures from the Historical Society"**
> 8. **"Nemaha County Chronicles: A Historical Society Perspective"**
> 9. **"From Past to Present: Nemaha County's Stories by the Historical Society"**
> 10. **"The Nemaha Narrative: History and Genealogy by the Historical Society"**
>
> These titles emphasize the Historical Society's role as the steward of local history, adding credibility and purpose to the blog. Would you like more options tailored to a specific tone or audience?

While these are all excellent suggestions, I chose "Nemaha County Chronicles: A Historical Society Perspective".

The second step in creating this blog is to create the domain name. While I was going to use "nemahachronicles.blogspot.com", I asked ChatGPT for its suggestions.

> If the title Nemaha County Chronicles is used, what would you suggest for the domain name for a blogger blog (ends in blogspot.com)?

If you want to use **Nemaha County Chronicles** as the blog title, here are some concise and memorable domain name suggestions for a Blogger blog:

1. **nemahacountychronicles.blogspot.com**
2. **nemahachronicles.blogspot.com**
3. **nemahacountyhistory.blogspot.com**
4. **nemahachronicle.blogspot.com**
5. **chroniclesofnemaha.blogspot.com**
6. **nemahacountyblog.blogspot.com**
7. **nemahahistory.blogspot.com**
8. **nemahastories.blogspot.com**
9. **nemahaheritage.blogspot.com**
10. **explorenemaha.blogspot.com**

The first few options are closest to your blog title, while others provide slight variations in case the exact match is unavailable. Would you like assistance checking availability?

Since ChatGPT was providing good advice for this new blog, I decided to ask it what themes it would suggest.

For a blog hosted by a historical society, the theme should reflect the historical and genealogical focus while maintaining professionalism and readability. Here are some **Blogger theme suggestions** and ideas for customization:

### Recommended Themes:

1. **Emporio**
   - Clean, grid-based layout suitable for showcasing blog posts.
   - Customizable with sepia tones or vintage fonts to evoke a historical feel.
2. **Contempo**
   - Elegant and modern with bold headers.
   - Use muted, earth-tone colors to align with a heritage theme.
3. **Notable**
   - Professional, simple, and easy to navigate.
   - Add custom banners or images of historical landmarks for personality.
4. **Simple**
   - Minimalist and timeless, ideal for text-heavy blogs.
   - Perfect for adding historical society branding without overwhelming design elements.
5. **Ethereal**
   - Gentle and visually appealing.
   - Its soft tones and spacious design work well for reflecting history and genealogy.

### Customization Tips:

- **Fonts**: Use vintage-style fonts for headings (like Georgia or Playfair Display) while keeping the body text readable with sans-serif options.
- **Color Palette**:
  - Earthy tones like sepia, beige, brown, and muted greens evoke historical warmth.
  - Accent with shades of burgundy or navy for a timeless, scholarly touch.
- **Header Image**: Add a custom header featuring an iconic Nemaha County landmark, archival document, or historical photo.
- **Sidebar Widgets**: Include quick links to archives, genealogical resources, and upcoming events.

Would you like guidance on customizing a theme or choosing specific images for branding?

I am thankful to ChatGPT for its help, but am still processing whether to create a new blog or to try and incorporate blog posts into the current website.

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# Genealogy Books

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 19, 2024
Crawford,Warren County

**The Value of Old Genealogy Quarterlies and Cemetery Inscriptions**

Do you read Michael John Neill's *Genealogy Tip of the Day* posts? One of his recent posts, "Those Old Genealogy Quarterlies," reminded me of the valuable resources hiding in plain sight on my own bookshelves — namely, the county record books I've collected over the years.

While investigating my *Mystery Match*, I revisited my copies of *Warren County, Indiana Cemetery Inscriptions*. [Available at FamilySearch Library] Thanks to the highlights I had previously made for my ancestral surnames, I was able to quickly scan through the books for any mention of William Nelson Crawford's parents. While searching for Crawfords, I noticed numerous entries for the FOSTER surname — which wasn't a complete surprise since my FOSTER line also traces back to Warren County.

What did surprise me, however, was finding the BRILES and RICKETTS surnames highlighted as well. These names are on the maternal side of my tree, while the CRAWFORD and FOSTER lines are paternal. This realization helped me better understand how I might share both paternal and maternal DNA with my *Mystery Match*.

As I continued browsing Volume 3, I came across an intriguing entry for *Charles Crawford*, listed as the son of *J. H. and E. J. Crawford*. This detail was helpful but not conclusive, as I needed more information to confirm his connection to my family tree. Interestingly, the arrangement of the tombstone inscriptions provided an additional clue. Since the cemetery books record tombstones in relation to each other, I noticed that Charles was buried near *Amelia and John Swisher*, not among the other CRAWFORD headstones. This placement reinforced the theory that *Charles Crawford (1861-1861)* was the child of *James H. Crawford* and *Eliza Jane Swisher Crawford*.

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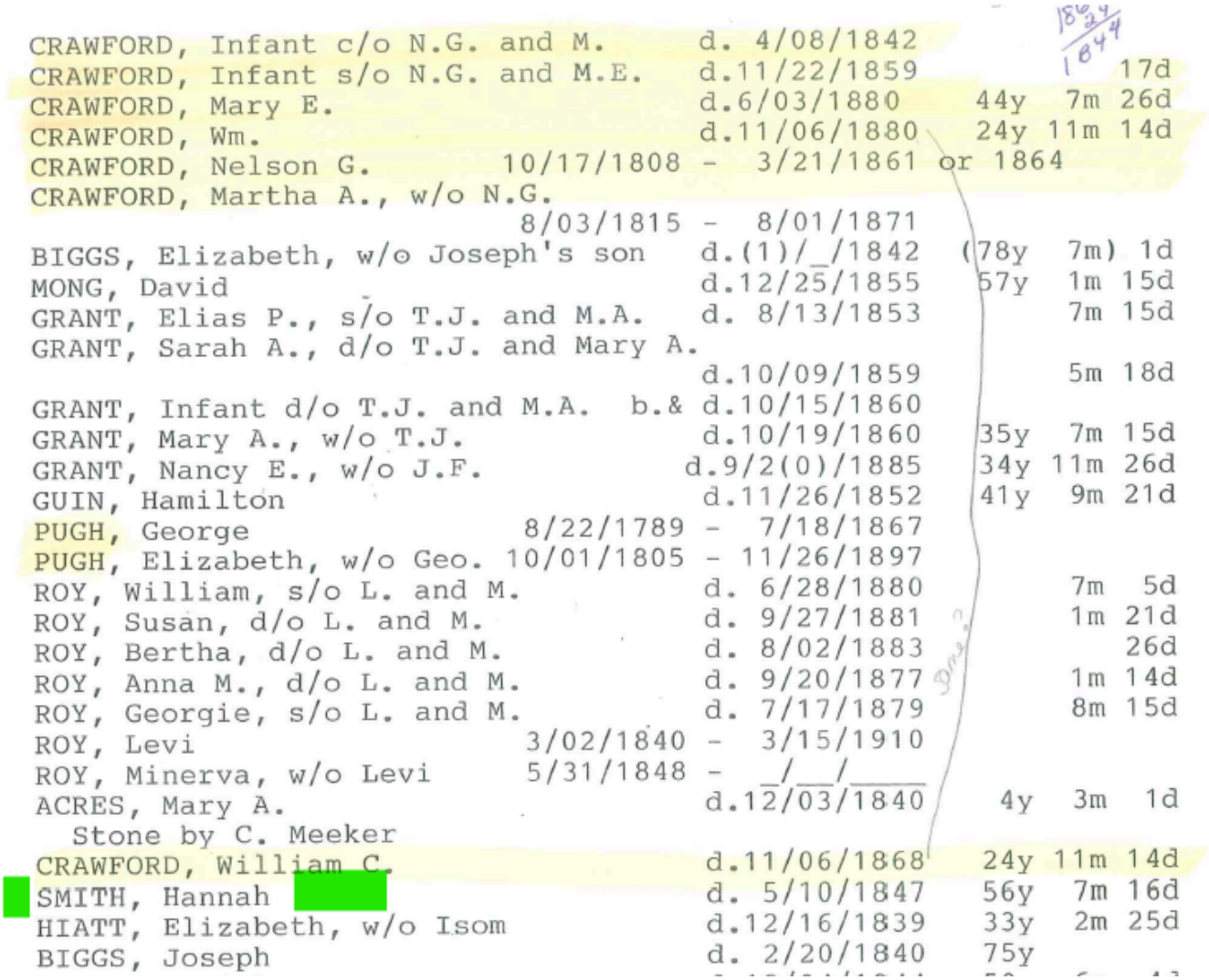
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SWISHER, Amelia WRIGHT, w/o John | d. 8/20/1851 | 44y | | 21d |
| SWISHER, John | d. 5/06/1853 | 49y | 2m | 12d |
| CRAWFORD, Charles H., s/o J.H. and E.J. | d.10/22/1861 | | 7m | 26d |
| CROW, Abraham Lincoln, s/o Wm. and Martha | d. 9/25/1861 | 1y | 2m | 17d |
| CROW, infant s/o Wm. and Martha | d. 8/13/1849 | | | 5d |
| PUGH, Mary Jane, d/o John P. and Margaret | d. 3/26/1847 | 4y | 8m | 4d |
| MILLER, infant d/o S.M. and D. | d.12/06/1858 | | 2m | |
| SMITHE, Elizabeth, d/o L. and R. | d.12/26/1850 | | 10m | 23d |
| SMITHEY, Mary C., d/o _ and R. | d. 3/09/1850 | (60) | | 21d |
| PUGH, John P. | d. 2/28/1849 | 32y | 2m | 14d |
| SPENCER, Manford E., s/o Joseph and M.A. | | | | |

These cemetery books are invaluable for more than just identifying names and dates. They also preserve information from tombstones that have since disappeared. I learned this lesson firsthand during my first visit to *West Lebanon Cemetery*. I distinctly remember seeing a *SMITH* stone on the east side of the walkway, directly across from my CRAWFORD ancestors. But when I returned several years later, the SMITH stone was gone. Thankfully, the inscription had been recorded in Volume 2 of the *Warren County, Indiana Cemetery Inscriptions*.



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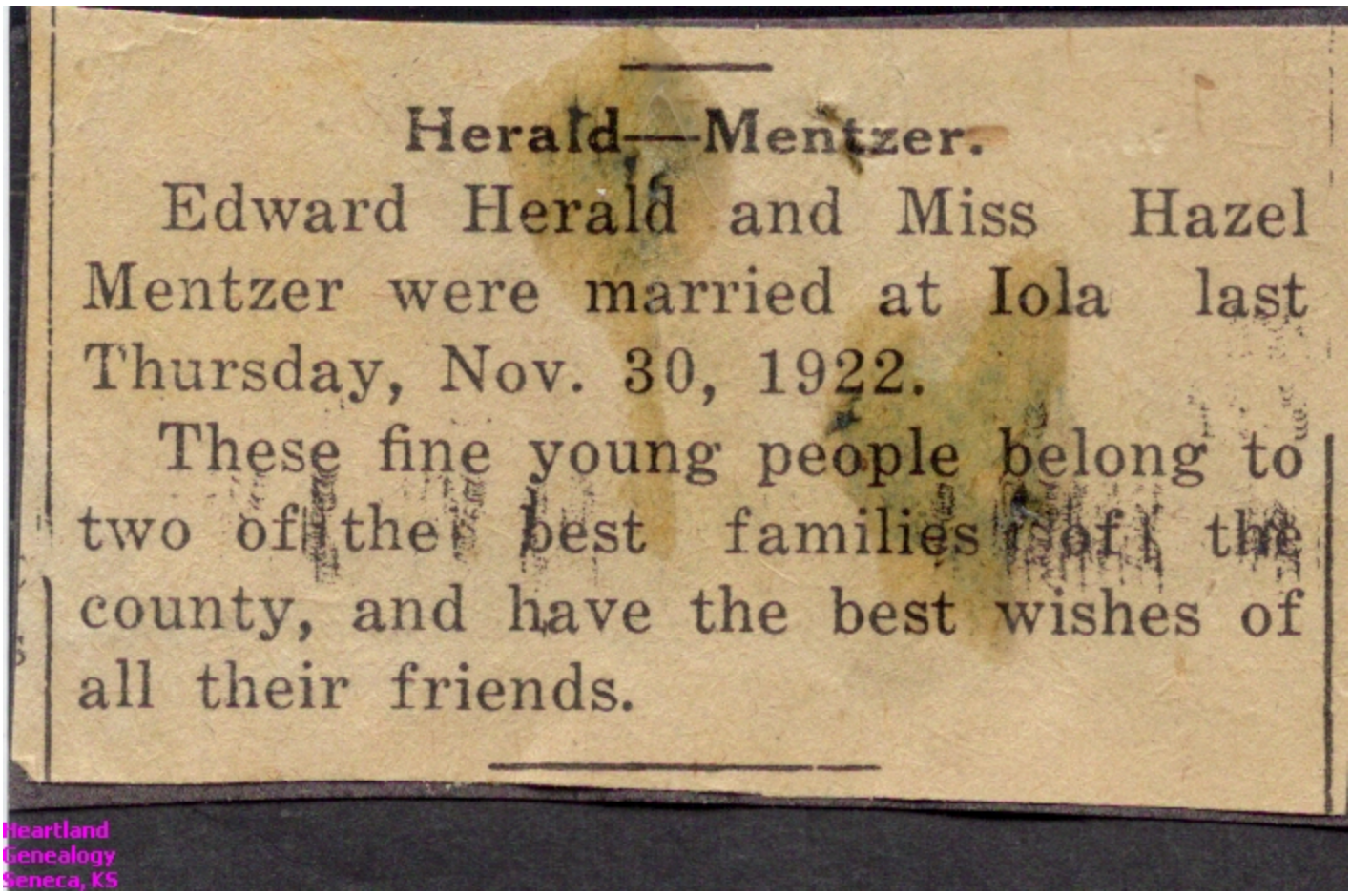
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CRAWFORD, Infant c/o N.G. and M. | | d. 4/08/1842 | | |
| CRAWFORD, Infant s/o N.G. and M.E. | | d.11/22/1859 | | 17d |
| CRAWFORD, Mary E. | | d.6/03/1880 | 44y 7m | 26d |
| CRAWFORD, Wm. | | d.11/06/1880 | 24y 11m | 14d |
| CRAWFORD, Nelson G. | 10/17/1808 | - 3/21/1861 or 1864 | | |
| CRAWFORD, Martha A., w/o N.G. | 8/03/1815 | - 8/01/1871 | | |
| BIGGS, Elizabeth, w/o Joseph's son | | d.(1)/_/1842 | (78y 7m) | 1d |
| MONG, David | | d.12/25/1855 | 57y 1m | 15d |
| GRANT, Elias P., s/o T.J. and M.A. | | d. 8/13/1853 | 7m | 15d |
| GRANT, Sarah A., d/o T.J. and Mary A. | | d.10/09/1859 | 5m | 18d |
| GRANT, Infant d/o T.J. and M.A. | b.& | d.10/15/1860 | | |
| GRANT, Mary A., w/o T.J. | | d.10/19/1860 | 35y 7m | 15d |
| GRANT, Nancy E., w/o J.F. | | d.9/2(0)/1885 | 34y 11m | 26d |
| GUIN, Hamilton | | d.11/26/1852 | 41y 9m | 21d |
| PUGH, George | 8/22/1789 | - 7/18/1867 | | |
| PUGH, Elizabeth, w/o Geo. | 10/01/1805 | - 11/26/1897 | | |
| ROY, William, s/o L. and M. | | d. 6/28/1880 | 7m | 5d |
| ROY, Susan, d/o L. and M. | | d. 9/27/1881 | 1m | 21d |
| ROY, Bertha, d/o L. and M. | | d. 8/02/1883 | | 26d |
| ROY, Anna M., d/o L. and M. | | d. 9/20/1877 | 1m | 14d |
| ROY, Georgie, s/o L. and M. | | d. 7/17/1879 | 8m | 15d |
| ROY, Levi | 3/02/1840 | - 3/15/1910 | | |
| ROY, Minerva, w/o Levi | 5/31/1848 | - _/__/____ | | |
| ACRES, Mary A. Stone by C. Meeker | | d.12/03/1840 | 4y 3m | 1d |
| CRAWFORD, William C. | | d.11/06/1868 | 24y 11m | 14d |
| SMITH, Hannah | | d. 5/10/1847 | 56y 7m | 16d |
| HIATT, Elizabeth, w/o Isom | | d.12/16/1839 | 33y 2m | 25d |
| BIGGS, Joseph | | d. 2/20/1840 | 75y | |

Interestingly, no *Hannah Smith* appears as a burial in Warren County, Indiana, on *Find a Grave*. This suggests that the cemetery book may be the only remaining record of her burial. Based on my memory of the stone's location, I theorize that *Hannah Smith* might be the mother of *Martha Smith Crawford*, but further research is needed to confirm this connection.

These experiences are prime examples of why older genealogy books and quarterlies are still essential resources. Unlike online databases, they often contain unique information, like stone placements, missing tombstones, and context that can't be found elsewhere. For me, these books have proven to be more than just dusty tomes on a shelf — they are a vital link to the past.

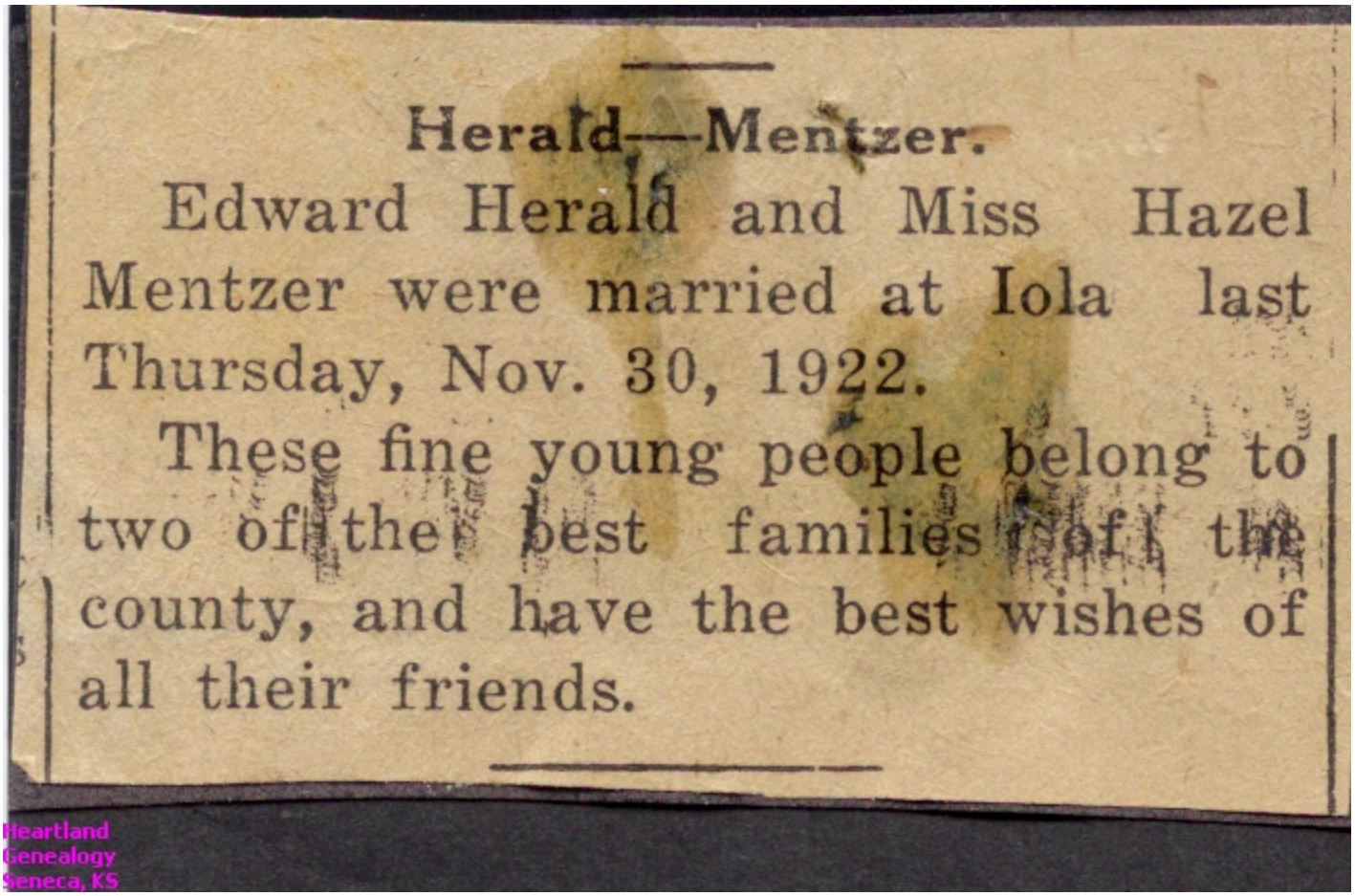
# Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 20, 2024
Kansas,Mentzer,Woodson_County


Herald—Mentzer.
Edward Herald and Miss Hazel Mentzer were married at Iola last Thursday, Nov. 30, 1922.
These fine young people belong to two of the best families of the county, and have the best wishes of all their friends.
Heartland Genealogy Seneca, KS

Do you have old newspaper clippings in your files? If so, do you know the name and date of the paper they came from? I was fortunate to 'inherit' several newspaper clippings from my grandmother. While most of these clippings lack sourcing details, they still offer valuable insights into events in my family members' lives. Because of this, they've earned a permanent place in my collection.

Today's discovery is one such clipping. It documents the marriage of Edward Herald and Hazel Mentzer, providing a glimpse into their story.



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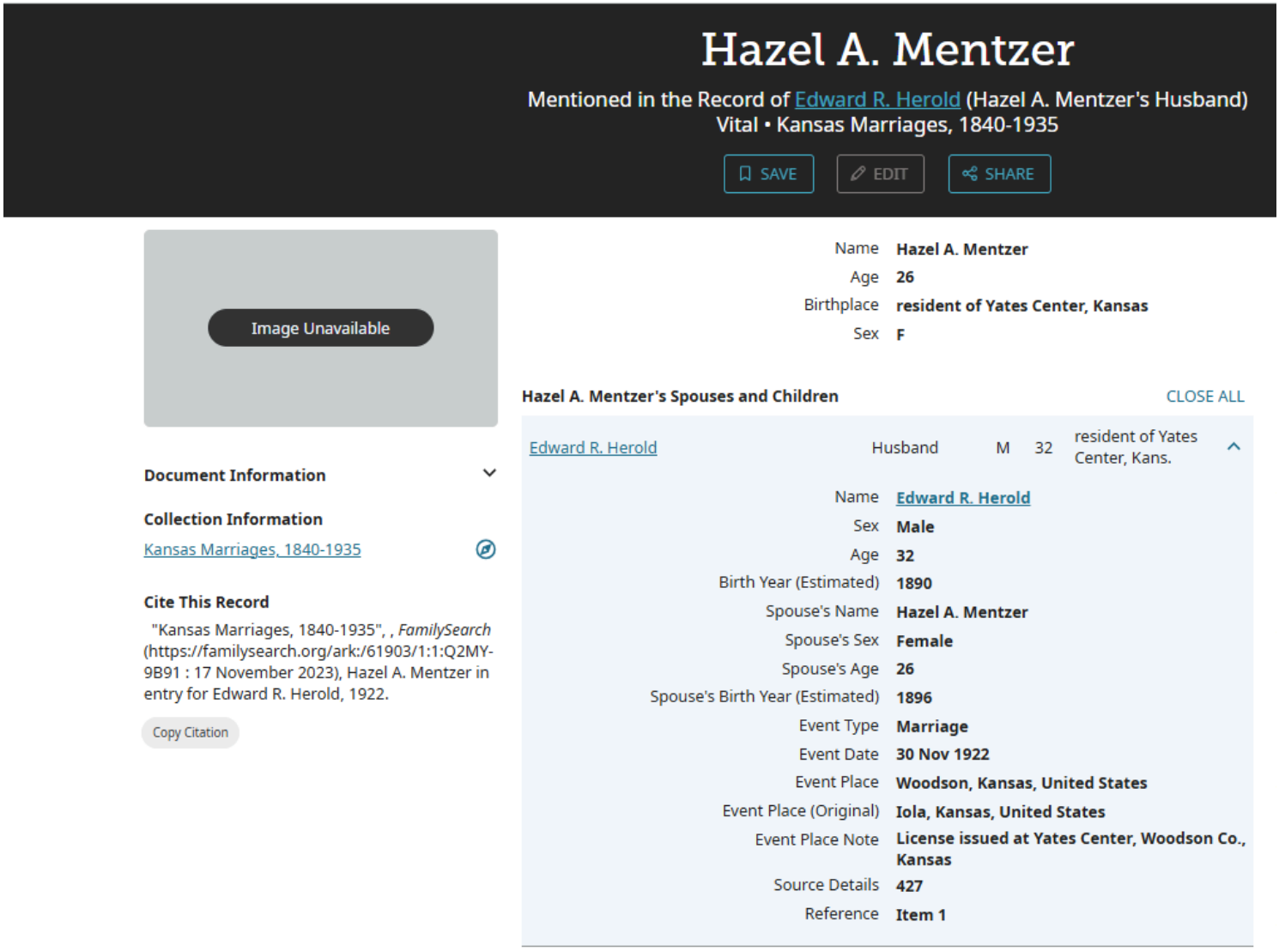
Since digitized records and newspapers aren't available, I decided to take on the challenge of not only locating this article but also uncovering additional documentation.

My first step was to check FamilySearch for a digital copy of the actual marriage license. Although the catalog indicated that 1922 marriage licenses for Woodson County were available, I discovered it was only a database entry, not an image of the record.

**United States, Kansas, Woodson - Vital records** ( 5 )

Marriage records, 1860-1922

Author: Kansas. Probate Court (Woodson County); Woodson County (Kansas). County Clerk; Kansas. County Court (Woodson County)


Hazel A. Mentzer
Mentioned in the Record of Edward R. Herold (Hazel A. Mentzer's Husband)
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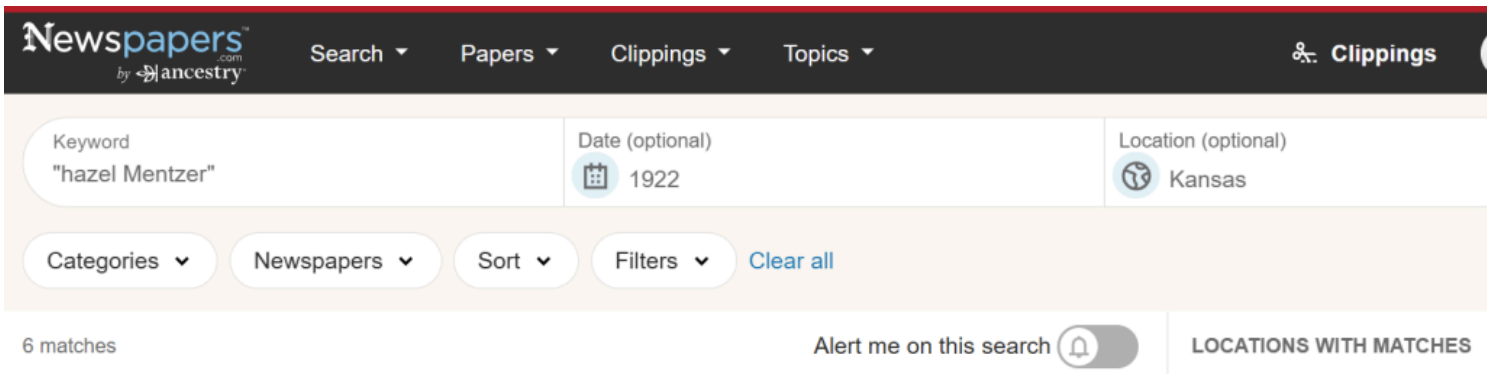


I found an article that matches my clipping in the 8 Dec 1922 issue of the Yates Center News.

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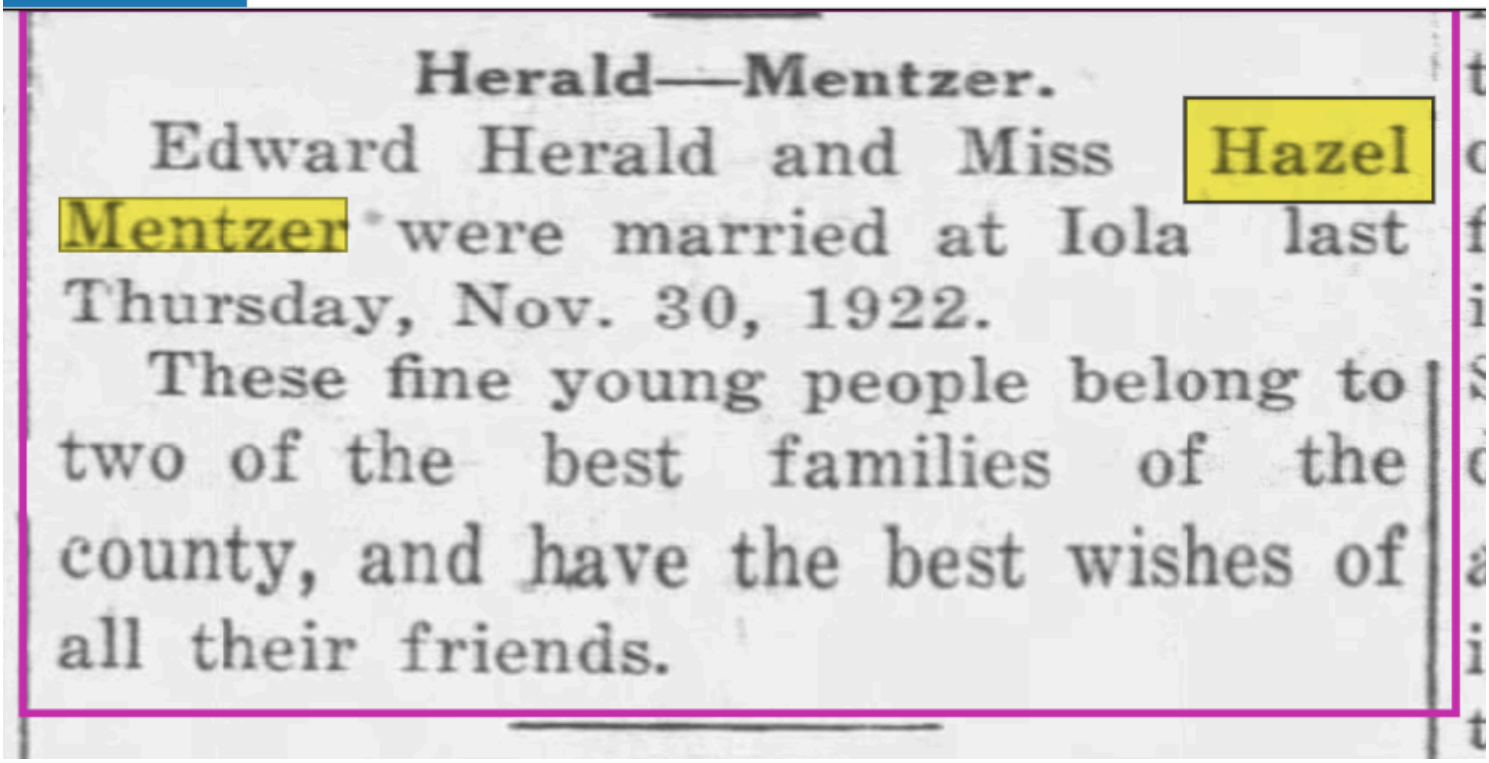

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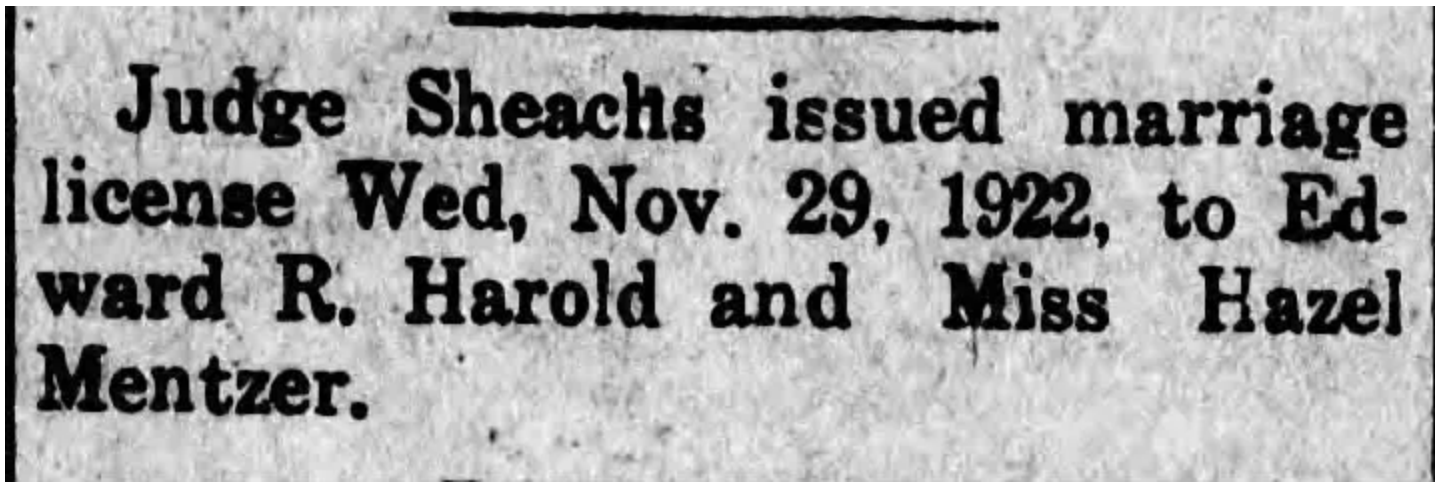

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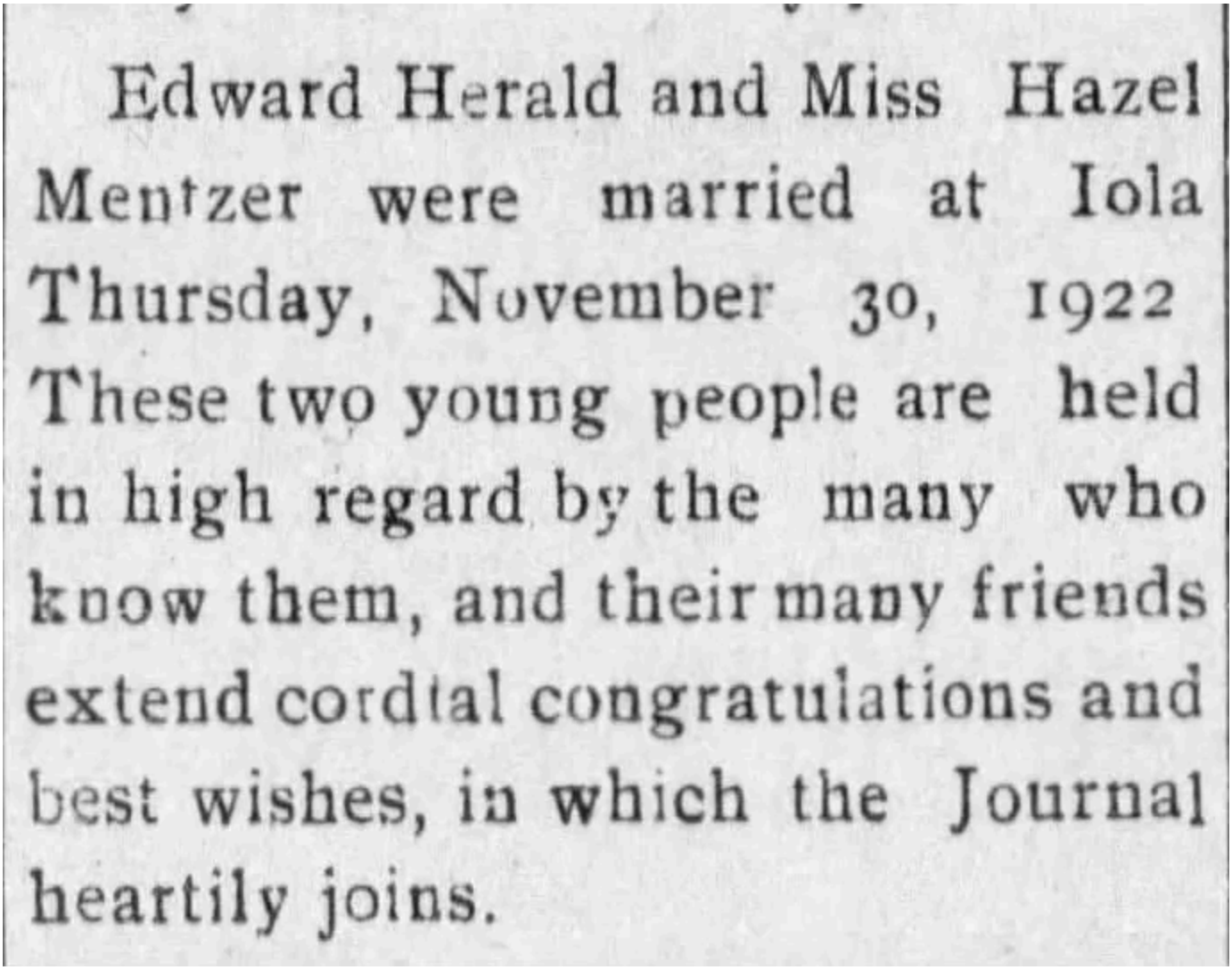
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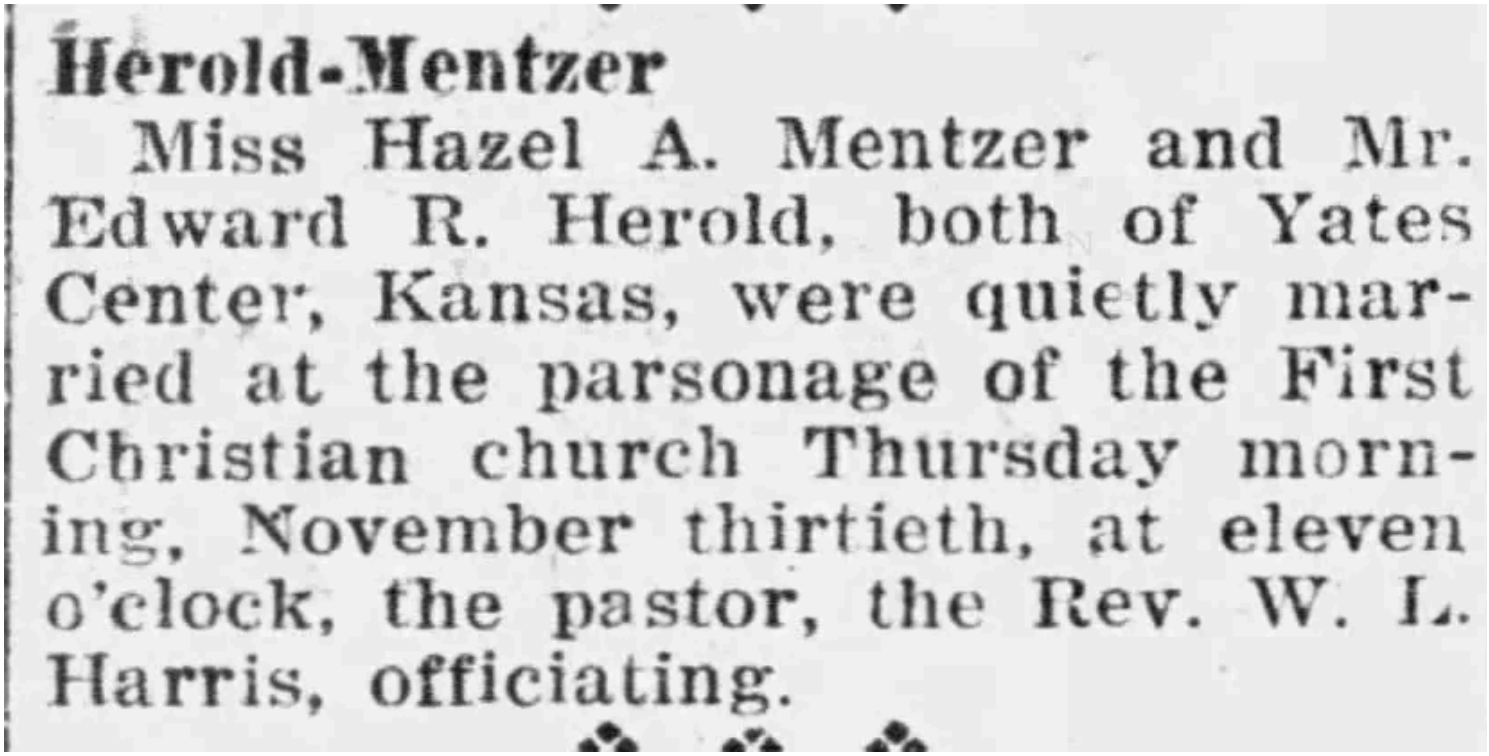

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Although my original clipping is brief, it served as a valuable lead, guiding me to other sources that provide more detailed documentation of Hazel Mentzer and Edward Herald's marriage.

This blog post was created with the assistance of ChatGPT, which helped enhance the quality of my writing and transcribed the newspaper articles featured in this post.

# World War I War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 21, 2024
Nemaha County,World War I,WWI

# Frank McNeill In Navy.

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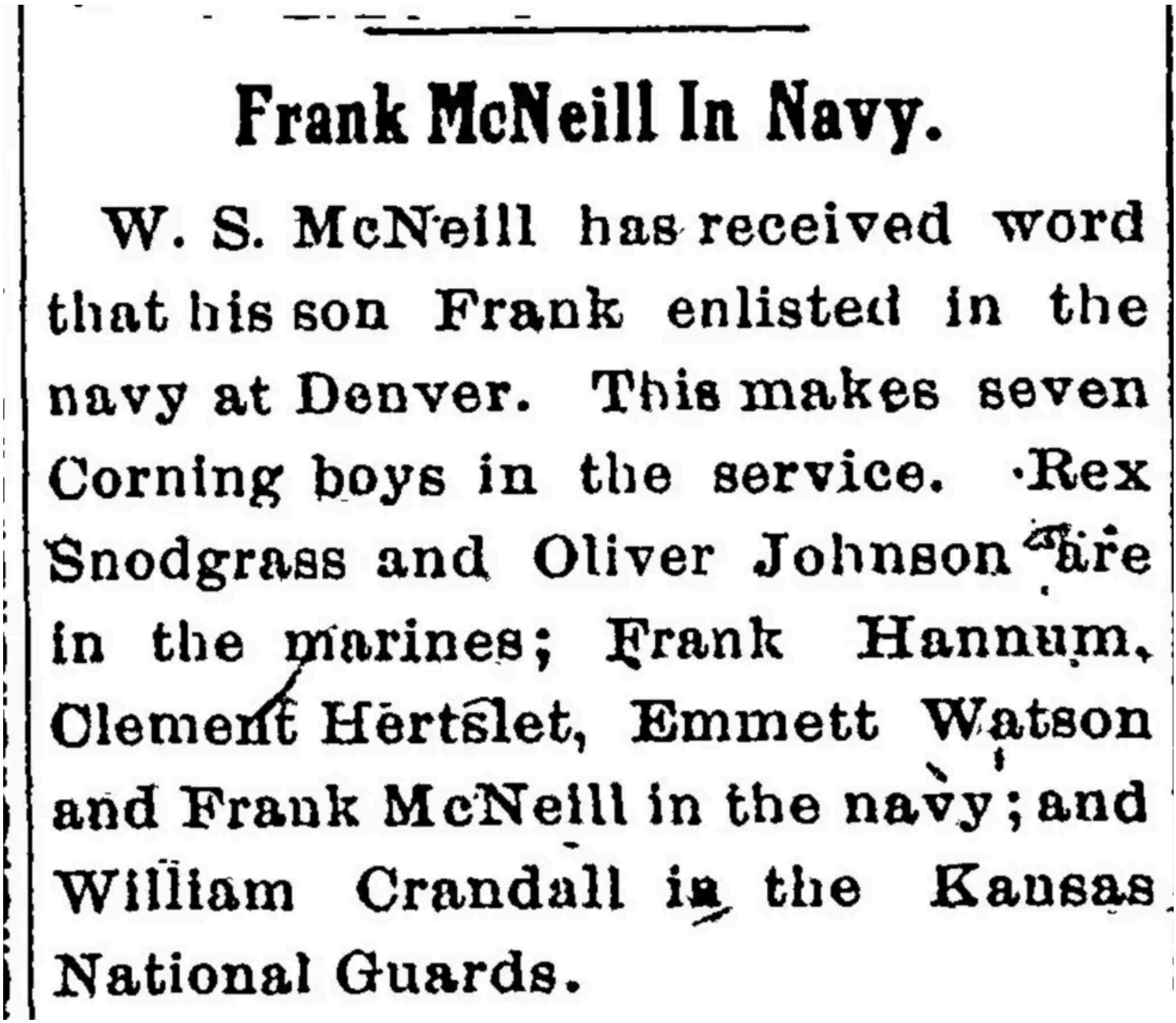

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*Corning Gazette (Corning, Kansas), 31 May 1917, page 1*

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# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun – Dear Santa

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 22, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

(Photo courtesy of footnoteMaven)

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision. Here's your chance to sit on Genea-Santa's lap (virtually) and tell him your Christmas genealogy-oriented wish list:

1) Write your 2024 Genea-Santa letter. Have you been a good genealogy girl or boy? What genealogy-oriented items are on your Christmas wish list? They could be family history items, technology items, or things that you want to pursue in your ancestral quest.

Dear Genea-Santa

While I'd love to say I've been the perfect genealogy enthusiast this year, I must admit that I haven't quite reached my 2024 genealogy goals. However, what I may lack in checked-off goals, I've more than made up for in learning and growth. This year has been a treasure trove of discoveries and new skills.

I've explored FamilySearch's Experimental Lab search to uncover records and ventured into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance my research and blogging. It's been an exciting journey of blending traditional methods with cutting-edge tools.

Additionally, I've embraced opportunities to develop my genealogy skills. I participated in #NotAtRootsTech2024 and regularly tune in to *Mondays with Myrt*. To sharpen my DNA expertise, I've enrolled in several classes and have been diving deep into this fascinating area of research.

When it comes to my genealogy office, I'm fortunate to have the technology and resources I need. However, Santa, if your sleigh has room for a little magic, could you encourage our local Internet provider to accelerate the rollout of fiber connections throughout the community? It would be a gift for all of us!

There is one special "tool" I'd love to see for our local historical society: a Vivid-Pix Memory Station. This would be an invaluable asset as we work to preserve and share our community's rich history.

Of course, if you're capable of miracles, I do have a wish list for my research:

- The identity of the father of James Crawford (1772–1854, husband of Sally Duggins)
- The death date and place of Hiram Currey, former Treasurer of the State of Ohio
- The death date and place of Hiram Currey, a lawyer in Peoria County, Illinois

No matter what surprises await on Christmas morning, I'll continue diving into my family tree and sharing my findings with others. Here's to another year of uncovering the stories of the past, one branch at a time.

Marcia

# AI Christmas Letter

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 23, 2024
Uncategorized

Do you send a Christmas letter? If so, do you find it hard to write? I know that I often skip such a letter for that very reason. This year, I decided to ask ChatGPT for help.

I provided the following as a prompt for ChatGPT

Can you write a Christmas poem from the viewpoint of two retired educators (Mike and Marcia) who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2024 using the following information:

Chaos of remodeling – joy of remodeled home
50 years together on this life journey
50 years living in Seneca – Grow where planted
Recent death of Mike's mother, JoAnne
Trek across backroads of northeast Kansas to see the Sunflowers
Sunflowers – image used on Marcia's blog, Heartland Genealogy
Family historians – Mike works on his family sharing on Facebook; Marcia works on her family sharing on her Heartland Genealogy blog, Ancestry and WikiTree
Mike cared for a bountiful garden – sharing with neighbors
Marcia wrote daily blog posts – making "best" lists from time to time
Volunteer in the community: Mike on library board; Marcia on historical society board
Volunteer in church: Mike films worship service weekly posting to YouTube; Marcia creates script for screen used during worship each week
Civic Duty – Mike assisted county clerk with process to validate election results; Mike contributed to the Story Behind the Stars project on Fold3; Marcia worked on the Purple Heart project with Seneca being recognized as a Purple Heart city

Always learning – Marcia experiments with AI and DNA results

In less than 5 minutes I had a poem formatted in Word ready to photocopy. Below is the poem.

**A Christmas Reflection from Mike and Marcia**

'Twas the season of Christmas in the year '24,
Where memories and milestones knocked at the door.
From the chaos of remodeling to a home made anew,
A labor of patience with a breathtaking view.

Fifty years as partners, as husband and wife,
Fifty years growing strong in this shared life.
Seneca—our home—where we've rooted so deep,
"Grow where you're planted," a promise we keep.

The sunflowers called from the Kansas backroads,
Golden seas dancing in nature's own code.
Their faces turned upward with radiant grace,
Just like Marcia's Heartland Genealogy space.
Stories unearthed from branches once hidden,
On Ancestry, WikiTree—family tales unwritten.

While Marcia's fingers tap keys every day,
Blog posts and "best" lists come forth in array.
Mike, ever the gardener, tends earth with care,
Sharing fresh harvests with neighbors so fair.
Tomatoes, cucumbers, and greens did abound,
As gratitude echoed from all those around.

But this year's journey had moments of grief,
We said goodbye to Joanne, her presence now brief.
Her legacy lives in each heart she's embraced,
Her love a bright light that will never be erased.

We're always still learning, as seekers of truth,
Volunteers in our church—a path set from youth.

Mike's camera rolls as worship takes flight,
While Marcia's scripts guide each Sunday's insight.
Beyond sacred walls, civic duty called too,
Mike's steady hand helped elections stay true.
He also honored the fallen, their sacrifice great,
With Story Behind the Stars, he'd commemorate.

Marcia's efforts made Purple Heart pride grow,
With Seneca's honor in a heartwarming glow.

Library and history—both anchors of old,
Mike on the board where new stories unfold.
Marcia's keen eye on the past's golden thread,
Keeps the tales of our town from being misread.
Together, they're stewards of stories and lore,
From the soil of the past, fresh dreams they restore.

AI and DNA—Marcia's new frontier,
Experimenting with tools to make matches clear.
Bubble groups and color codes organize the way,
Unlocking new family ties every day.

So here at year's end, with reflections so clear,
We're thankful for family, for friends gathered near.
For fifty rich seasons as partners in time,
For journeys on backroads where sunflowers shine.
A remodeled home—a reminder so strong,
That love, like good lumber, endures all along.

As Christmas lights twinkle and the new year draws close,
We'll savor the gifts that this year has disclosed.
To grow where you're planted, to give and to share,
To cherish the moments—the simple and rare.

Merry Christmas from Mike and Marcia—a pair full of grace,
May joy fill your heart and may love find its place.

# *Merry Christmas*

## *Michael and Marcia*

# Christmas Memories

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 25, 2024
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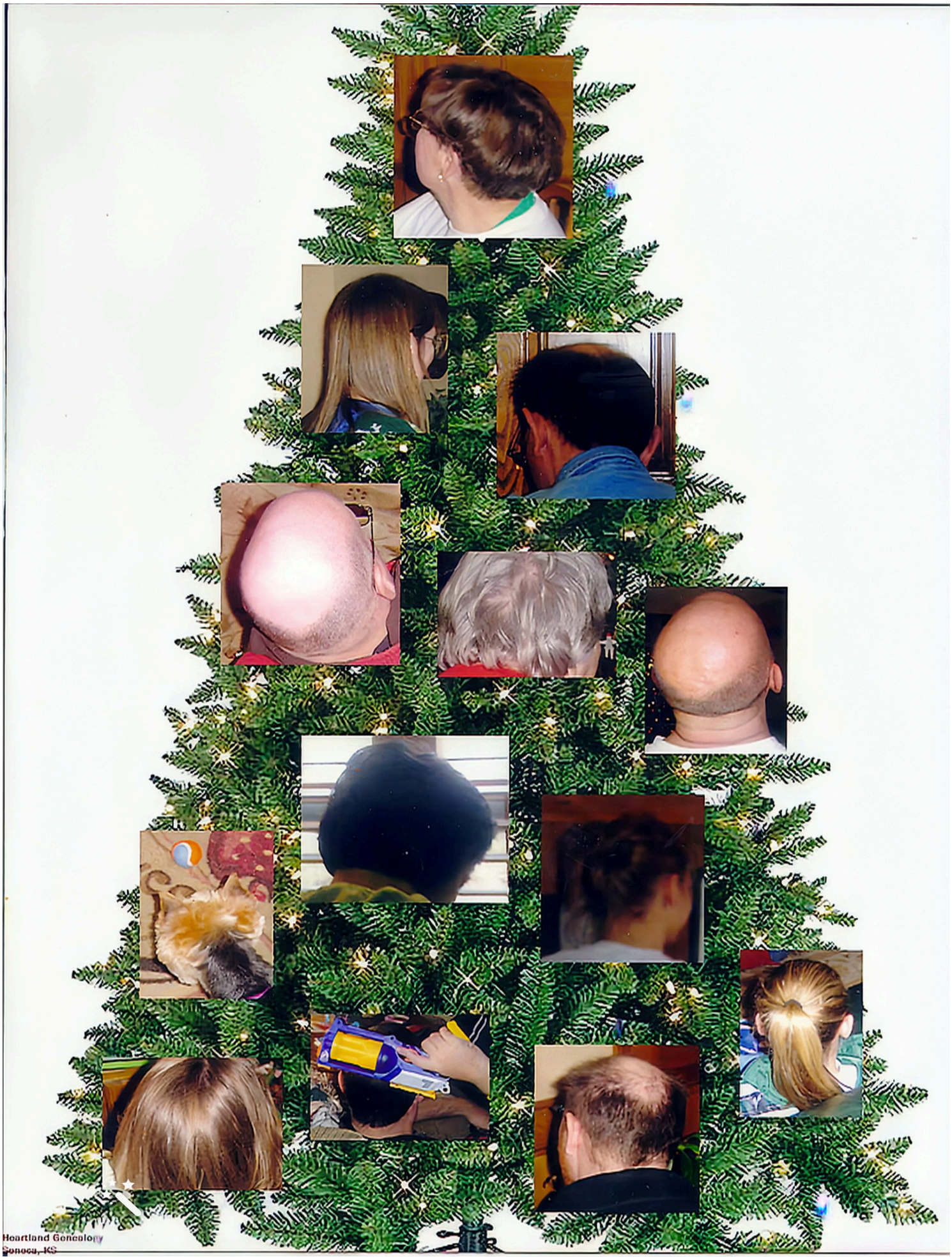
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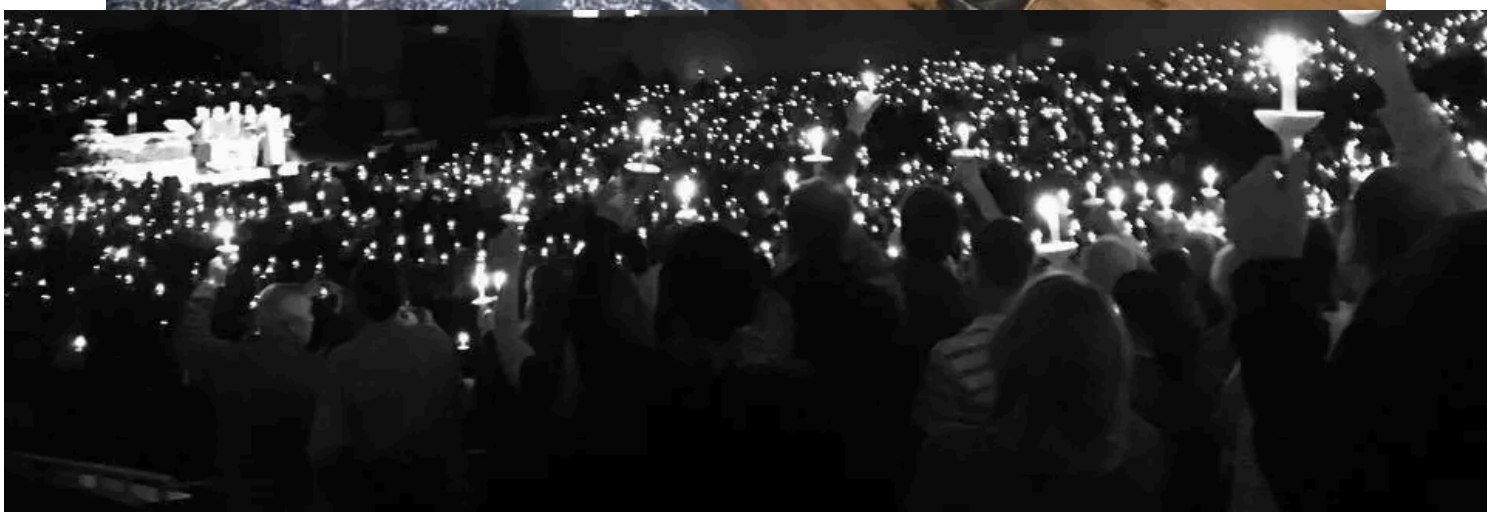

***Merry Christmas***

# Boxing Day

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 26, 2024
genealogy

ISCOVER YOUR ROOTS
FAMILY
HISTORY
SOCIETY
JOIN YOUR LOCAL GENEALOGY SOCIETY!

Do you celebrate Boxing Day? I knew that December 26th was Boxing Day, but I didn't fully understand how it was celebrated. Curious to learn more, I turned to Google and discovered its rich history rooted in charitable giving and generosity.

> The origins of Boxing Day can be traced back to the 16th century and are rooted in British history:
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> - **Gifts to servants and tradespeople**: The upper class would give leftover food, money, and goods to their servants and tradespeople as a token of appreciation for their service throughout the year.
> - **Alms boxes**: Boxes were placed in churches to encourage people to donate to the poor.
> - **Tips for the working class**: The working class would look for tips from people on the day after Christmas.
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> The name "Boxing Day" may come from the practice of giving these boxes as gifts or from the opening of alms boxes.
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> Other aspects of Boxing Day's history include:
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> - It's also known as St. Stephen's Day, which honors the first Christian martyr who helped the poor.
> - In recent years, there has been a renewed interest in the day's charitable aspect, with many people volunteering or donating to charities.

Supporting charities is undoubtedly important, but I believe that becoming a member of — or volunteering for — a local genealogical or historical society is equally vital. These societies rely on dedicated volunteers to handle the behind-the-scenes work of collecting, preserving, and maintaining local records. Without these efforts, valuable historical information could be lost forever.

In addition to the hard work of volunteers (and, in some cases, paid staff), these organizations need financial support to properly house, protect, and preserve these records for future generations.

I firmly believe that every genealogist should be a member of at least one genealogical society. To explore this idea further, I asked Perplexity, *"Why should someone researching their family history join a local genealogy society?"* The response offered some valuable insights.

> Joining a genealogy society offers numerous benefits for individuals researching their family history. Here are some compelling reasons to consider:
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> ## Networking Opportunities
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> Being part of a genealogical society allows members to connect with others who share similar research interests. This networking can lead to valuable collaborations, as members may have insights or resources related to the same geographical areas or surnames being researched. Engaging with fellow genealogists provides a support system, enabling members to brainstorm solutions to research challenges together[1][2].
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> ## Access to Resources
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> Many societies maintain unique libraries and databases that are exclusive to their members. These resources often include indexed records, publications, and transcriptions that can significantly enhance personal research efforts. By joining a society, members can tap into these collections, which might not be accessible elsewhere[1][3][9].
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> ## Educational Workshops and Conferences
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> Genealogy societies frequently host workshops, meetings, and conferences that focus on various aspects of genealogical research. These events provide opportunities for skill-building and learning from experienced speakers. Participants can gain insights into record navigation, research methodologies, and new technologies in genealogy, which can be instrumental in advancing their research[1][3][6].
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> ## Publications and Journals
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> Membership in a genealogy society often includes access to exclusive publications, newsletters, and journals that document local histories and genealogical findings. These materials can serve as crucial references for researchers looking to deepen their understanding of specific areas or families. Additionally, members may have the chance to contribute to these publications, enhancing their own skills while giving back to the community[1][3][9].

## Community and Support

Joining a genealogical society fosters a sense of community among members who share a passion for family history. This camaraderie not only provides moral support during challenging research phases but also creates friendships with like-minded individuals. Many societies organize social events and outings, further enriching the member experience[8][9].

In conclusion, joining a genealogy society can greatly enhance an individual's research capabilities while providing essential support and resources. The collaborative environment encourages learning and sharing, making it an invaluable asset for anyone serious about uncovering their family history.

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In the spirit of Boxing Day, why not honor the tradition of giving by joining a local historical or genealogical society? Your support helps preserve the past for future generations.

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# Golden Anniversary

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 27, 2024
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My Valentine's Day 2024 post shared information about how long my ancestors were married. Today, I get to add my brother and his wife to the list of those celebrating Golden wedding anniversaries. Following my Crawford line back, they are the 4th generation to celebrate 50 years of marriage.

## Parents

- Eugene Crawford and Robert Briles were **married 55** years when Eugene passed away.

## Grandparents

- Leon Crawford and Winnie Currey — married Dec 1919; They were **married 56** years before Leon passed away in Oct. 1976.
- Edward Osmond Briles and Pauline Mentzer were married Oct 1915. They were married 40 years when Edward passed away. Pauline never remarried.

## Great Grandparents

- Judson Crawford and Josie Hammond were married Dec 1890. They were **married 58** years when Judson passed away. In my great grandmother's journal is a poem she wrote about their Golden Anniversary
- Hiram Currey and Winnie Hutchinson were married 22 years when Winnie passed away. Hiram never remarried
- Edward Grant Briles and Frances Artlissa "Artie" Rickeets were married in Feb 1890. They were married **57 years** when Artie passed away.
- Charles Mentzer and Nettie Wells were married in Oct 1893. They were married 46 years when Nettie passed away.

## 2nd Great Grandparents

- Washington Marion Crawford and Mary Foster were married in March 1860. They were married 29 years when Washington Crawford passed away. Mary Crawford never remarried.
- Richmond Fisk Hammond and Sarah Ellen Ralston were married in Jan 1867. They were married 25 years when Sarah passed away. Richmond married Mary McClure in 1897. In 1906, Richmond married Mary Reynolds.
- Hiram M Currey and Angelina Jane Burke were married in 1856. They were married 44 years when both Hiram and Angelina passed away.
- Albert Hutchinson and Julia Harding were married in 1859. They were married 33 years when Julia passed away in 1892. Albert passed away in 1896.
- Noah Briles and Sarah Thompson were married in August 1866. They were married 13 years when Noah passed away. Sarah married J. D. Davis but later divorced him.
- James Marshall Ricketts and Rachel Christy were married Jul 1866. They were **married 54** years before James passed away in 1920. Rachel passed away 7 years later.
- George Mentzer and Emeline Minnick were married in 1867. They were married 45 years when George passed away in 1912. Emeline never remarried.
- Thurston Kennedy Wells and Salme Adell Crandall were married in May 1861. They were married 35 years when they both passed away. This was Thurston's second marriage after the death of his first wife, Sarah Hall.

## 3rd Great Grandparents

- Nelson G. Crawford and Martha Smith were married in 1833. They were almost married 32 years when Nelson passed away. Martha never remarried.
- Zebulon Foster and Caroline Ostrander were married in 1833. There were married 38 years when Caroline passed away. Zebulon then married Juliet Fleming.
- Horatio Hammond and Louisa Fisk were married in 1825. They were married 49 years when Louisa passed away in 1874. Horatio died in 1879.
- James Barr Ralston and Nancy Jane McCormick were married in 1836. They were **married 68 years** when James passed away in 1904. Nancy died three years later.
- Hiram M. Currey married Rachel Harris in 1824. Death dates are unknown since records cannot be found for 1850 or later.
- Henry F Burke married Elizabeth Bland in 1835. They were married 10 years when Henry passed away. Angelina may have remarried but documentation has not been found.
- William G Harding and Elizabeth Fowler were married in 1830. They were married 16 years when Elizabeth passed away. William then married Eliza Henderson.
- Alexander Briles married Sarah Rush in 1836. They were married 36 years when Sarah passed away. Alexander then married Elizabeth Ellsworth.
- William Taylor Thompson and Polly Ann Evans were married in 1842. They were married 46 years when Polly passed away in 1896. William died in 1898.

- John Lewis Ricketts and Orilda Reed were married in 1846. They were married 42 years when John passed away in 1888. Orilda died in 1900.
- Samuel Christy and Lyda Gallimore were married in 1842. They were married 22 years when Lyda passed away. Samuel then married Mariah Burk and Mary Susan Amos.
- Phillip Andrew Mentzer and Orinda Miles were married in 1816. They were married 29 years when Phillip passed away.
- John Minnick and Elizabeth Mary Jones were married before 1850. They would have been married at least 16 years when Elizabeth passed away. John then married Phebe Tripp in 1870.
- Ozias Wells and Mary Keneedy were married in 1818. They were married 14 years when Ozias passed away.
- A marriage date for Lewis Crandall and Almira Nafus is unknown at this time. Almira passed away prior to 1846 when Lewis Crandall married Anna Tuttle.

Counting my parents, I have SIX sets of ancestors married for 50 years. The longest marriage in my tree was for James Barr Ralston and Nancy Jane McCormick.

# War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 28, 2024
Nemaha County,World War I,WWI

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**Every County in State Required to Furnish Its Quota to Army.**

**INTEREST IN THE EXEMPTIONS**
*But Nobody Yet Has a Hint as to What the Government Will Require.*

Topeka. — Every county in Kansas must furnish its share of soldiers in the national army. The secretary of war will play no favorites in regard to localities. As soon as the registration is completed next Tuesday, the President will appoint local county exemption boards to determine which young men shall go to war and which shall stay at home.

In ninety-nine counties of the state the members of the present county registration boards will be appointed by the President as members of the exemption board. In Kansas City, Kan., the present registration board will remain as an exemption board, and two additional exemption boards will be created for that city. One additional board will be created for Topeka and Wichita. Montgomery and Crawford counties will each have two exemption boards. Other counties in the state will have but one board each.

While the regulations for exemption have not yet been formally issued, information has reached here from Washington that each county will be required to furnish its quota of troops for the new army. The number will be based upon the population. Under the call, Kansas will supply about 10,000 troops for the first army, exclusive of the national guard and the regular army.

The various counties will not be given credit in the drafted army for the number of men they have furnished the regular army or the national guard. However, Kansas will be given credit for all the Kansans who go into the army, no matter in what branch of the service.

The war department has also indicated that it wants both the regular army and the national guard recruited up to full war strength, so it is not likely that any order will be issued forbidding men to volunteer, even though they have registered under the draft.

Much interest is manifested in regard to exemptions. At this time it is impossible to state what reasons for exemption will be considered good. The President has intimated that all men with families dependent upon them for support or men who can be of more service to their country on the farm or in the shops than in the army will be exempted.

*from the 14 Jun 1917 issue of the Corning Gazette*

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
December 29, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

## Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

## Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

(Photo courtesy of footnoteMaven)

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision. Here's your chance to sit on Genea-Santa's lap (virtually) and tell him your Christmas genealogy-oriented wish list:

1) Was Genea-Santa good to you?  What genealogy gifts did you receive for Christmas this year?

My Genea-Santa doesn't wait for Christmas—he's generous all year long by:

- Renewing my subscriptions to various genealogy-related sites,
- Supporting me in maintaining this blog, and
- Giving me the freedom to research to my heart's content.

This Christmas, Genea-Santa brought me two special "gifts": a gentle reminder and a dose of courage. First, I was reminded that the menus on my blog didn't work on mobile devices. Armed with newfound courage, I decided to change my blog's theme—a daunting task at first. Along the way, I discovered the importance of using featured images. Thanks to these "gifts," my blog now has a fresh new look, and, most importantly, the menus work seamlessly on cell phones!

# 2024 Stats

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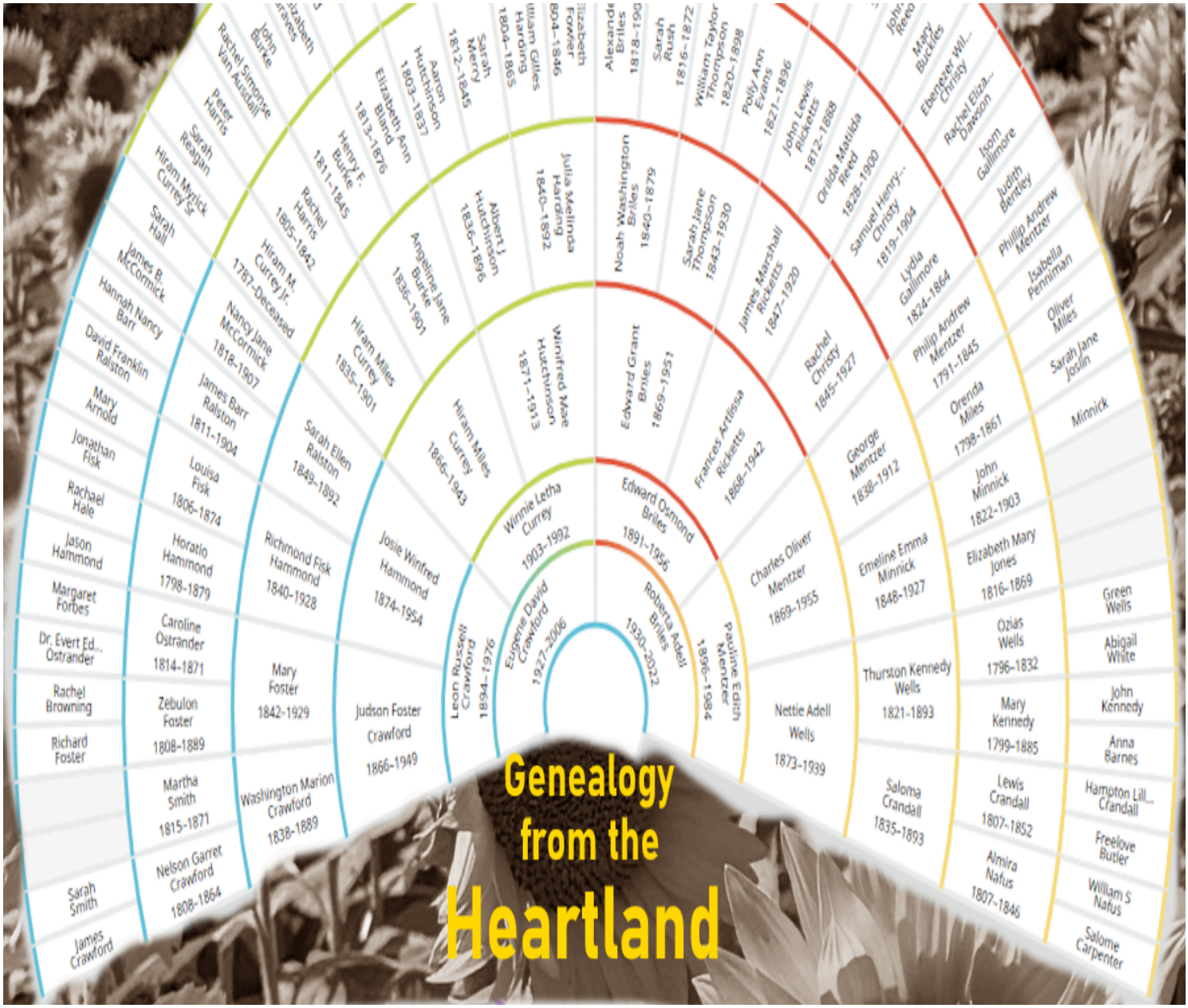


## Genealogy Research Insights

Have you ever used SMART goals? If so, you know that the “M” stands for measurable. In genealogy research, one way to measure progress is with a straightforward yes/no question: Was the record located? However, to gain a broader perspective on whether I’m meeting my goals, I like to dive into statistics.

As I mentioned in last year’s *Tracking Growth* post, numbers can sometimes be misleading. While my family tree is mostly complete through six generations, my work is far from done. I’m constantly researching descendants or searching for records to provide additional documentation and validation.

## RootsMagic

| | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 |
|---|---|---|
| People | 23959 | 25493 |
| Families | 7876 | 8343 |
| Events | 80157 | 86381 |
| Places | 10968 | 11901 |
| Sources | 6025 | 6347 |
| Citations | 28176 | 29733 |
| Media Images | 14650 | 15617 |

## Ancestry Tree

| | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 |
|---|---|---|
| People | 23312 | 24742 |
| Photos | 21111 | 22992 |
| Documents | 1911 | 1966 |
| People with hints | 3880 | 2610 |
| Hints | 32230 | 23032 |
| Record Hints | 22566 | 16391 |

## Ancestry DNA Matches

| | Me | Me | Brother1 | Brother1 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 |
| Maternal | 56893 | 59068 | 64474 | 67084 |
| Paternal | 67887 | 70399 | 76742 | 79578 |
| Both | 380 | 379 | 281 | 281 |
| Unassigned | 2116 | 2233 | 2307 | 2413 |
| Total | 127276 | 132079 | 143804 | 149356 |

| | Brother2 | Brother2 | Mom | Mom |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 |
| Maternal | 57880 | 60081 | 29224 | 30341 |
| Paternal | 71615 | 74339 | 55029 | 57092 |
| Both | 341 | 341 | 276 | 275 |
| Unassigned | 1884 | 1993 | 1377 | 1436 |
| Total | 131720 | 136754 | 85906 | 89144 |

## YDNA

| | Brother1 | Brother1 | Brother2 | Brother2 | 4th cuz | 4th cuz |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 |
| BigY | 30 | 32 | 29 | 31 | 29 | 31 |
| 111 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 25 | 25 |
| 67 | 68 | 68 | 68 | 68 | 45 | 45 |

## mtDNA

| | 12/25/2023 | 12/26/2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Matches | 437 | 460 |
| Distance Zero | 11 | 12 |

Although these are just numbers, they can spark valuable observations and raise important questions:

For instance, while it may feel like Ancestry hints are never-ending, the statistics show progress—I have been steadily working through them.

When comparing the yDNA results for my brothers, I noticed a potential need for further investigation. First, did I record their data accurately? If so, who appears on Brother1's list of BigY matches but is missing from Brother2's list?

Similarly, comparing the yDNA results of my brothers to my 4th cousin raises additional questions. Who shows up on my brothers' match lists but is absent from my 4th cousin's list at the 67- and 111-marker levels? These discrepancies suggest there's more digging to do.

These observations and questions remind me that genealogy is an ongoing journey of discovery. Numbers and statistics provide useful insights, but they also highlight areas where further investigation is needed. Whether it's working through Ancestry hints, verifying yDNA results, or exploring discrepancies in match lists, each step brings me closer to understanding the full picture of my family history.

Genealogy is as much about asking the right questions as it is about finding the answers—and that's what keeps the process so exciting.

# Detoured

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Goals

## Did You Meet Your Genealogy Goals for 2023?

As I reflect on 2023, I must admit that most of my genealogy goals went unmet. However, my research journey took some fascinating detours that brought unexpected learning and discoveries.

The first detour began after *RootsTech 2024*, when FamilySearch's Experimental Labs opened to researchers. Since then, I've spent countless hours exploring these new tools, diving into records, and searching for those elusive Crawfords and other ancestors in my tree.

Another detour also traces back to *RootsTech 2024*. Inspired by several sessions led by Your DNA Guide, Diahan Southard, I've immersed myself in her webinars and courses. These have significantly improved my skills in working with DNA matches. As a result, I've dedicated much of my time this year to untangling relationships and gaining deeper insights into my genetic connections.

My third detour unfolded last spring when Randy Seaver and other genealogists began sharing their experiences with AI. (See Randy's AI Compendium) Since then, I've embraced AI as a tool to enhance my research and writing. From transcribing newspaper articles to editing my blog posts, AI has become an invaluable assistant. Recently, I even used it to write my Christmas letter!

Although I didn't achieve the goals I initially set for 2023, this year has been anything but unproductive. These detours have enriched my skills and brought new opportunities for discovery. It's been a year full of learning, growth, and unexpected successes in genealogy.